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The Plaut family shares a lighter moment prior to the Toronto Jewish National Fund Negev Dinner at the Royal York Hotel. With dinner honoree Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut and his wife, Elizabeth, are his son, Rabbi Jonathan of Windsor, his daughter, Judith, of Toronto and daughter-in-law, Carol (right). About 1,500 people attended the gala affair in honor of one of Canadian Jewry's outstanding spokesmen. See pictures on Page 3. (Groskind)

Negev Dinner honors rabbi's outstanding accomplishments

Plaut asks Christian community to rally in support of Zionism

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Associate Editor

TORONTO —

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut lived up to his reputation as Canadian Jewry's most eloquent spokesman on the political level at the 1975 Negev Dinner where he called upon Canadians to keep the PLO out of his country, and Christians to rally to the support of Zionism.

Honoree at the gala dinner sponsored by the Jewish National Fund before an audience of 1,500 at the Royal York Hotel, he called upon Jews and Christians to understand their fates are intimately intertwined.

"An alliance is arraigned against us, spearheaded by atheists, Communists and assorted pagans, who count on Christian anti-Semitism to stamp out the Jewish commonwealth," declared Rabbi Plaut. "This is a time for Christians to rally and to say that Zion is biblical, that if Zion is holy to the Jews, it is holy to Christians as well, and that Zionism as concept and dream is shared by believing Christians along with their Jewish brothers.

"Let them say to those who attack us (and ultimately who attack them as well) that the heritage of the Bible remains the central concept of our common culture; let them understand that the very existence of Israel is part of the future of Christianity even as it is of Judaism."

The 63-year-old Holy Blossom Temple rabbi was paid warm tribute as a scholar and a stateman by a number of international, national and local organizations and their leaders. JNF National President James F. Kay announced that a recreational area, to be a part of Canada Park, will be named for the rabbi. Canada Park embraces 7,500 acres between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

Rabbi Plaut again forcefully emphasized he will make every effort to persuade the government and the people of Canada not to allow the PLO to come to Habitat for their announced misuse of that conference.

"I will continue to impress upon our government the folly of a policy which denies the PLO access to the country as an organization, but makes the dubious distinction that members of the PLO, and even its leaders, may come here as long as they themselves have not thrown a bomb.

"He who counsels, he who guides, he who applauds, he who takes credit for the terror that is unleashed is a terrorist, and I call upon the government to say 'no' the next time one of the PLO members applies for a special ministerial permit... But if these people come, then I can promise we will continue to protest loudly so that the government and the Canadian people as well may hear us and heed us."

In his address, the rabbi repeated a number of points made in his highly-acclaimed speech two weeks ago to a national leadership conference in Ottawa. Renowned as one of this country's top orators, he received a 25-second standing ovation at the conclusion of his Toronto address.

Rabbi Plaut, a native of Germany who came to Toronto in 1961 from St. Paul, Minn., again emphasized the enemies of the Jews are not the Arabs but "are those that persecute us like the Soviets and those who want to destroy us like the PLO."

The Soviet Union has revived anti-Semitism as a tool of policy, both inside and outside its borders, he declared. Because they experienced the Nazis, "for them to say today that there is not a distinction between the Israelis and the Nazis is the kind of Orwellian double-think and double-speak which reveals the abyss of their immorality and cynicism."

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Diversity of views voiced at study report meeting

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

More money for their schools and less regulation from a central office were among the demands of those members of the Welfare Fund who came last Sunday to give their reactions to the final report of the Study Committee on Jewish Education.

The day-long meeting at the Bristol Place Hotel produced no consensus, no resolutions, and by the end of the afternoon, no quorum.

It did provide, during the morning session, an opportunity for the 70-odd participants to hear the highlights of each task force report interpreted by a member of the Study Committee, led by co-chairmen J. Sydney Midanik and Donald Carr.

And in the afternoon, a relaxed procedure with no time limit on speakers gave plenty of latitude to those who wanted to present their own special point of view — and they did, at length.

A major source of concern for Reform spokesmen was the insistence, in the new subsidization and affiliation requirements proposed by the committee, that schools receiving community funds open their doors to any student who wishes to attend. Reform day and supplementary schools normally make synagogue affiliation a prerequisite for enrolment.

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Temple Sinai attributed this decision to a "classic United States presumption" that community and synagogue are separate. "Any concern for the welfare of the synagogue is utterly and totally missing" from the report, he told committee members. "If you continue to weaken the synagogue, ultimately the Welfare Fund will lose."

Herb Solway, of the Leo Baeck Reform Day School and a former chairman of the Welfare Fund, had previously made the same point and had also insisted that it was unfair to penalize a school such as Leo Baeck for an educational philosophy that requires small classes. The new subsidization criteria would fund all schools at the same basic rate per pupil, with the responsibility for any extra costs resulting from a lower pupil/teacher ratio being borne by the school.

An equally heartfelt plea for full support of a diversity of schools came from supporters of the Orthodox day high schools. Phil Schwartz, a member of the Study Committee and also of the boards of both Eitz Chaim day school and Or Chaim Yeshiva, pointed out that under the proposed recommendations for subsidization of day high schools the Community Hebrew Academy, with only half of the total day high school enrolment, would receive the lion's share in the form of full deficit funding. Other schools, with an equal total enrolment of nearly 300 students, would receive only a token grant of $250 per pupil.

"'Community' means working together, recognizing differences and giving more than token support, because in these days to give token support is to condemn to economic death," Schwartz declared.

The hard decisions on if and how to implement the report will be taken in the weeks ahead by the executive committee and the board of the Welfare Fund, in meetings that will be more tightly controlled in format, according to Jack Rose, president of the Welfare Fund and chairman of Sunday's meeting.

The first decision to be made is whether or not to implement the recommendations of the Study Committee affecting affiliation and subsidization requirements for all schools.

These requirements have as a key feature the appointment of a full-time budget director to oversee the setting and collection of tuition fees, the granting of bursaries and the preparation of budgets of subsidized schools. They also include provisions for subsidizing supplementary schools that conform to the affiliation requirements.

The cost of implementing recommendations of the Study is still unknown. Midanik made it very clear that figures of $5 and $10 million,

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Day school teachers are in negotiation with school boards

TORONTO —

General studies teachers at five Hebrew day schools are in various stages of negotiations with their school boards in an effort to settle contentious issues regarding wages and working conditions.

Three of the schools have been recognized as bargaining units with union clout — United Synagogue Day School, Associated Hebrew Schools and Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto — while a fourth, Eitz Chaim Schools, will file for union certification before the Ontario Labor Relations Board.

Teachers at USDS met recently with government mediators to settle a wage issue which has been the source of controversy for over a year and a major impetus to the break in collective negotiations between the Association of General Studies Teachers and the Board of Jewish Education last October.

Mediators will consult with general studies teachers and the USDS board once a week until the outstanding issue — a cost-of-living allowance — is resolved. Donni Friedman, chairman of the teachers association, is optimistic that, with a favorable climate, negotiations will not be lengthy.

Meanwhile, Bialik Hebrew Day School is in the process of finalizing an agreement with its teachers regarding the "Code of Practice," under negotiation in all schools, which formalizes, among other things, hours, fringe benefits and grievance procedures. After several meetings, the school board is expected this week to present its set of counter-proposals to the Code.

Israel won't go to Geneva if PLO participates there

JERUSALEM —

The Israeli government will not send delegates to a Middle East peace conference, scheduled to be held Jan. 12 at the UN, if the PLO participates.

In a cabinet resolution following the Security Council's decision to invite the PLO to Geneva, the Rabin government declared that "Israel will not conduct negotiations with the terrorist organizations in any forum, and will not participate in the Geneva conference should a delegation of these organizations be invited..."

The statement was issued after the UN announced that Syria had decided to extend the mandate of the United Nations force between Israel and Syria on the Golan Heights. The Syrians had said they would not renew the life of the peacemaking body unless the PLO attended the Geneva conference.

The controversial UN resolution went through by a vote of 13-0. The United States voted for it after working out a compromise solution with Damascus whereby the PLO was not mentioned in the UN draft.

The American decision was taken by President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger on their way to visit Chinese leaders in Peking. The U.S. concessions caused considerable bitterness among Israeli diplomats at the UN, and chief delegate Haim Herzog said he viewed the Security Council resolution as "a surrender to Syrian blackmail and Soviet dictates."

In a statement, the Israeli cabinet resolved "not to cooperate in any way with the...resolution...Israel rejects the Security Council's move...which surrendered to Syrian extortion (on the) renewal of the UNDOF mandate with extraneous elements having no bearing on the separation of forces agreement."

UJA call for increased donations brings heartening response here

TORONTO —

The 1976 UJA campaign total to date is well over the $6,500,000 mark, campaign chairman Wilfred Posluns announced this week.

Posluns, who is calling for a 25% increase in 1976 gifts, said the campaign is on target. "The Jews of Toronto are coming through," he said. "We're getting the increases so far. I hope the trend will continue...it has to continue."

He said the campaign leadership is taking the approach that almost everybody has been undergiving in the past. "Most of us can afford to go up," he added and he declared that "every Jew must support Israel and our own Jewish community."

Col. Nachman Karni, of Israel, who addressed a series of meetings last week — sometimes as many as five in a day — said he was deeply impressed with the devotion and sincerity of the campaign leadership. In his opinion, the Jewish people of Toronto are "very special. Israel is confident that you will not let us and the Jewish people down."

The business division, which comprises some 22 groups, is operating in high gear, according to the co-chairmen of the division, Lionel Robins and Irving Levine. Robins and Levine, who operate as a team, have been actively involved with the UJA for the past five years, starting out as canvassers in the apparel division. Last year they were associate chairmen for that division and this year moved up to head the entire business division.

Either Robins or Levine are in daily contact with their associate chairmen: Jack Chisvin, Karl Bald, Sidney Starkman, Ben Kirshenbaum and Leonard Wasser. The associate chairmen, in turn, keep contact with their respective group chairmen. "By using this pyramid system, we can keep a finger on the pulse of the campaign," Robins said.

All the chairmen and canvassers are asked to make their gifts before they start out on the general canvass and, said Robins, "we have had excellent response. The idea of a 25% increase has been accepted by all in leadership positions. In many cases we're getting substantially more."

One of the principal groups in the business division is construction, which raises close to one-third of the campaign total. Construction chairman Harry Gorman said that despite the current weakness in the industry, "we'll definitely achieve the required rate of increase. We're asking our prospects to average out the good and the bad years and when they do this they realize they can afford the increase this year."

Because of the wide range of businesses embraced by the construction group, Gorman is backed up by seven co-chairmen, each responsible for a specific segment of the industry. They are: Alan Badner, Sidney Cohen, Larry Ginsberg, Harold Lederman, Sydney Loftus, Kurt Rothschild and Oscar Zaretsky.

First of a series of B'nai B'rith telethons was held last week with spectacular results. A total of $43,000 was raised. One contributor increased from $300 to $10,000. Charles Goldlust, chairman of the B'nai B'rith division, said the next telethon is scheduled for Dec. 8.

Lebanon's war hits hard at its Jewish population

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

Lebanon's small Jewish community has virtually disintegrated as a result of internecine warfare in that country. Most of Beirut's 2,000 Jews have fled to European capitals or have taken refuge with Druze or Christian villagers in the countryside. Only the very old and very poor have been left behind in Beirut's ancient Jewish quarter that has become a battlefield between Moslems and Christians.

That account of the fate of one of the last Jewish communities remaining in any Arab country of the Middle East was given by a Beirut Jew now in Europe. It was published recently in **Yediot Achronot**. According to the account, the Jewish quarter remained for some time outside the zone of fighting in Beirut, and Jews lived relatively undisturbed under the joint protection of Moslems and Christians.

But as the civil war intensified between those two elements, the fighting spread into the Jewish streets. One 70-year-old member of the Jewish burial society was killed as he left the shelter of the synagogue but he was the only Jewish casualty as far as the informant knew, according to the report.

As Jewish families fled the capital, there was some looting of Jewish property by Arab neighbors. In one case, a former Moslem employee of a Jewish family removed the family's furniture piece by piece from their flat. The family did not protest because they wanted to reach the airport alive, the informant reported. He said the few Jews left behind in Beirut are without leadership, without money to escape and face starvation.

The Beirut Jewish community was an ancient one, he said, and while it suffered its share of persecution, Jews generally lived in peace with their Moslem and Christian Arab neighbors. It appears now, however, that the Jews who left Beirut will not return and the community has ceased to exist as such.

Sunday closing issue

TORONTO —

It appears uncertain that the Ontario government's controversial Sunday closing legislation, now under review by a 12-member Select Committee, will be in force by Jan. 1 as planned.

The legislature has set a target date of Dec. 14 for its holiday adjournment — likely before the bill to restrict store hours will be presented to the House for third reading.

Composed of five Conservative, four NDP and three Liberal MPPs, the committee will be sitting a third and probably final time this Thursday to hear submissions, before it will consider the bill clause by clause.

Vernon Singer (L.-Wilson Heights), the only Jewish member on the committee, remained convinced that the legislation would be adjusted in an effort not to penalize the Orthodox businessman.

Holiday deadlines

The offices of **The CJN** *will be closed from noon Wednesday, Dec. 24 and will re-open Monday, Dec. 29 at 9 a.m.*

The deadline for display advertising scheduled for insertion in the Jan. 2 issue will be Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 12 noon. The classified deadline for the same issue will be Monday, Dec. 29, at 1 p.m.

Toronto United Jewish Appeal business division co-chairmen Lionel Robins (left) and Irving Levine (right) get together with Leonard Wasser, associate chairman of the apparel division. The UJA for 1976 is seeking 25% more in gifts than was collected the previous year, says campaign chairman Wilfred Posluns. (Graphic Artists photograph)

World News

Group formed by Arab Jews

JERUSALEM [JTA] — The World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries (WOJAC) founded in Paris last week, will act in behalf of the humanitarian, moral and material rights of the more than 700,000 Jews forced to flee Arab countries after the establishment of Israel in 1948 and the rights of their progeny, Knesset Deputy Speaker Mordechai Ben Porat told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Ben Porat, who is of Oriental background, was the initiator of the new organization.

He said its formation stemmed from routine discussions in the Knesset of the long dormant issue of Jewish refugees from Arab lands. With the heavy focus on rights of Palestinian refugees in international forums, the time is now ripe to bring the rights of Jewish refugees to the world's attention, Ben Porat said.

He said WOJAC would act within the framework of Security Council Resolution 242 which calls for "a just solution of the refugee problem." The text does not specifically identify refugees and Israel maintains that it refers it Jewish as well as Arab refugees.

Ben Porat noted that 586,286 Jews from Arab lands have settled in Israel and at least 200,000 more have emigrated to France, England and North and South America. Through natural increase, their numbers now amount to about 1.7 million.

Premier Rabin, sending greetings to WOJAC, affirmed that the Israeli government fully supported its goals and would continue to press for the rights of Jews still living in the Arab lands.

WOJAC's claim is that while many of these Jews went to Israel out of Zionist sentiments, they were, at the same time bona fide refugees forced by repression and persecution to leave the Arab countries of their birth and abandon not only centuries of established culture and tradition but a wealth of public and private property that has since been seized by the Arab authorities.

Ben Porat observed that Israel has absorbed nearly 600,000 of these refugees while the Arab states have taken in an almost identical number of Arabs who left Israel. In effect, this was an exchange of populations in the Middle East and WOJAC apparently intends to use that argument in balancing the claims of Jewish refugees against those of the Arabs. In addition, Ben Porat said, WOJAC will make every effort to increase the prospects of a Middle East peace settlement based on secure, recognized borders.

One of the two surviving victims of a terrorist attack at a settlement — Ramat Magshimim — in the Golan Heights stands with his head bandaged and armed with a gun in a doorway of the dormitory where three of his friends were killed. The youth, Nachum Mucha, pleaded in Arabic with the terrorists not to shoot him after they had killed the others at a yeshiva. A guerrilla struck Mucha on the head. (Rel. Service)

'Kill-and-run' Golan mission had complicity of Syrian army

TEL AVIV [JTA] — Israel faced a serious dilemma over how to respond to the murder of three 19-year-old yeshiva students — all of them soldiers — and the wounding of two others by Arab terrorists who infiltrated the religious movement settlement of Ramat Magshimim on the Golan Heights. The terrorists entered Israel-held territory and escaped through the heavily-manned Syrian lines on the Golan with the obvious complicity of the Syrian army and probably the knowledge and endorsement by Damascus of what an Israeli spokesman described as a "kill-and-run" mission.

Although tension is running high on the Golan and Israelis are infuriated over the latest outrage, military retaliation by Israeli forces is not feasible at this time, circles here acknowledged. The government has a specific request from the United States to exercise maximum restraint in face of Syrian provocation.

The victims, were identified as Nahum Fenigstein, Michael Nadler and Benzion Leibowitz. All were members of the Hesder Yeshiva program which permits religious youth to serve half of their required three years of military service on active duty and complete the balance while continuing their religious studies. All held the rank of sergeant.

Fenigstein, the son of a Mizrachi Bank branch manager in Jerusalem, and Nadler, who came to Israel from the United States five years ago and was the son of a lecturer on social work at Bar Ilan University, were buried in Jerusalem. Leibowitz was buried in the Ponewezh cemetery in the religious settlement of B'nai Brak.

The two wounded students were reported today in satisfactory condition in hospitals. One of them, Yehuda Cohen, was left for dead by the terrorists. The other, Shalom Mocha, of Jerusalem, was abducted by the killers but managed to break away and suffered slight wounds from shots fired at him.

House-Senate group votes to counter Arab prejudice

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON [JTA] — An amendment to the U.S. economic assistance authorization bill to counter discrimination by Arab governments against American Jews, Blacks and women has been approved by a House-Senate conference committee.

Its supporters, led by Sen. Clifford Case (R.NJ), said following its adoption that they expect both branches of Congress to approve it without much opposition.

The amendment, designed to counter Arab discrimination, particularly by Saudi Arabia, directs the president not to take into account in assigning officers or employes of the United States to serve in any foreign country, their race religion, national origin or sex but that "such and signment shall be made solely on the basis of ability and relevant experience."

The secretary of state is directed to establish "such rules as may be necessary" to implement the law six months after its enactment. Case, who authored the amendment, said the conference committee, by its approval, "put teeth into the effort" to prohibit discrimination against Americans by countries "wishing to receive our assistance." The amendment, he said, "is a welcome step towards assuring that all Americans are given equal treatment overseas as well as at home regardless of their race, religion or sex."

"American citizens and businesses must not only be protected against foreign pressures to discriminate but against foreign efforts to dictate with whom they can and cannot do business," Rep. Holtzman said.

Catholic bishops hail Second Vatican

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON [JTA] — The National Conference of Catholic Bishops voted 190-6 to adopt a 12-page statement hailing the results of the historic changes in Jewish-Catholic relations effected by the Second Vatican Council 10 years ago and calling for further Catholic action to advance "the fruitful" communication.

The statement also contained an acknowledgement of the Jewish peoples' historic "bond" to the land of Israel and called on Catholics "to understand this link" without denying "the legitimate rights of other concerned parties" in the Middle East.

The statement declared: "In dialogue with Christians, Jews have explained that they do not consider themselves a church, a sect or a denomination as is the case among Christian communities, but rather as a peoplehood that is not solely racial, ethnic or religious but in a sense a composite of all these. It is for such reasons that an overwhelming majority of Jews see themselves bound in one way or another to their traditional land of Israel.

"Most Jews see this tie to the land as essential to their Jewishness..."

Ford petitioned about Syrian 'persecution'

WASHINGTON [JTA] — A delegation of Jewish leaders gave Undersecretary of State Joseph Sisco a petition signed by 292,000 Americans urging President Ford to "intervene personally" to help end the "persecution" of Jews in Syria. Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, who led the delegation, made the presentation in Sisco's office in the State Department.

The petition called on Ford "to intervene personally using the power and prestige of your office to urge the president of Syria to cease the persecution of the Jews of Syria and to ensure their human rights and dignity." Ford was also urged "to request the Syrian government to permit the emigration of Syrian Jews."

According to the petition, there are 4,500 Jews in Syria. They were described as subject to "arbitrary arrest, imprisonment and restriction of movement, constant police surveillance, severe economic restrictions and special identification cards marked with the word 'Jew.' These are only some of the indignities inflicted on these unfortunate people."

The campaign for signatures was initiated earlier this year by the Central Conference of American Rabbis and endorsed by the Conference of Presidents on behalf of its 32 national constituent bodies. Members of the delegation that met with Sisco included 16-year-old Michael Schoen of Baltimore, who personally collected 20,000 signatures in the petition campaign.

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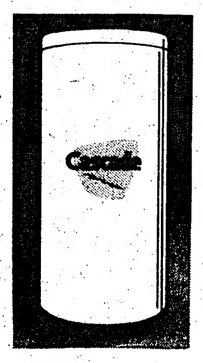

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Multiculturalism is a permanent government policy

As Minister responsible for Multiculturalism the Honourable John Munro gives direction to the overall impact of multiculturalism in all departments of the Government of Canada. He has a particular interest in the Multicultural Program in the Department of the Secretary of State, as well as those programs of the Federal Cultural Agencies designed to implement this policy.

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IN THE NATIONAL LIBRARY

The National Library has organized a Multilingual Biblio-service. Its aim is to acquire books in non-official languages spoken in Canada and make them available through public libraries, expanding the extant non-official language book collections in most libraries. The first shipment of books in ten languages left Ottawa in March 1975. It is planned to add five new languages annually to a total of 70 languages.

To present your views, or to receive further information, write to:

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RABBI HONORED

Prior to Negev Dinner, honoree Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut (top photo, seated right) chats with Israel Ambassador Mordechai Shalev. Looking on is dinner chairman Phil Granovsky (right) and Toronto Jewish National Fund Chairman David Dennis. Bottom, Ray D. Wolfe, president of the Canada–Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, presents citation to the rabbi while Mrs. Elizabeth Plaut looks on. (Groskind)

Lebanon cited as proof secular state would not solve Arab-Israeli dispute

By TOBA KORENBLUM
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

The West should not be misled into thinking the establishment of a secular Palestinian state would solve the simmering Arab-Israeli dispute, says Joseph Burg, Israel's minister of the interior.

Burg, a leading member of the National Religious Party, labelled PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat's scheme for a secular state as "a big lie."

Speaking at the new site of the Ulpanat Orot Girls' School, Burg illustrated his thesis by referring to the current conflict in secular Lebanon. Religious and economic rivalry between warring Moslem and Christian factions in that country, he said, provides a supreme example of the untenable theory of peaceful coexistence in a Mideast secular state.

In a hall heavily guarded by plainclothes policemen, the Israeli cabinet minister told a crowd of 300 last week that the historic UN resolution with its monstrous equation of Zionism with racism has paved the way for the possible expulsion of Israel from that world body.

"The resolution," he added emphatically, "is a moral, cruelty to this generation, to those remnants of the remnants we found after the war and the Holocaust. The shadow of the swastika has come up against the light of the Magen David."

The infamous UN stance, Burg continued, coupled with Syrian belligerence and recent acts of PLO terrorism, will effectively negate any positive change in climate the signing of the interim agreement with Egypt could have offered.

Interior Minister Burg

Strongly reiterating Israel's position regarding the PLO, he emphasized repeatedly that "with people who are murderers by conviction there cannot be any negotiations. We are not belligerent, but we have to defend ourselves. We came to Israel to do something for Judaism, now we have to fight for the survival of the Jews."

Burg was in Toronto on the last leg of a week-long trip which took him to a Mizrachi convention in New York and speaking engagements in Chicago. He was invited to address the reception honoring factors who aided in the purchase of the Hebrew Men of England Synagogue as the new site of a girls Bnei Akiva yeshiva.

A pioneer in the Mizrachi movement and himself a product of a Bnei Akiva school, the interior minister urged the community to strengthen its educational institutions and perpetuate the ethical teachings of Torah — to ensure the survival of Judaism during periods of external harassment.

He praised the benefactors of the yeshiva and added "the great error of secular Jews and secular Zionists is that they thought with a rupture of tradition that they could build a new people out of this old nation...without roots there can be no fruits."

The new school building, purchased for $513,000, will also house a synagogue to serve area residents. Principle benefactors were building contractor Jack Weinbaum and his wife Anne. The Ulpanat Orot for 44 high school girls, originally located in Thornhill, will move to the new Sheppard and Bathurst site in December — a building vacated by the Hebrew Men of England Congregation after its merger with Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda.

Philanthropist Stanley Vineberg dies

MONTREAL —

Stanley A. Vineberg, well-known Montreal philanthropist and real estate developer, died here recently after a lengthy illness. He was 68.

Vineberg was active for many years with the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, the forerunner of Allied Jewish Community Services, as well as in various cultural and educational pursuits.

Born in Westmount in 1907, he was a descendent of a family that has been a major contributor to the building of the Montreal Jewish community. His grandfather, Moses Vineberg, was a founder and president of the Baron de Hirsch Institute 1886-87 and A.M. Vineberg, his father, was chairman of the executive committee of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies when it was first formed in 1917 and a co-founder of the Jewish General Hospital.

Stanley Vineberg was a trustee of the FJP, a past co-chairman of the Combined Jewish Appeal, a member of the budget committee of Jewish Community Services and a life governor of the YM-YWHA.

He is also remembered as the builder of the first shopping centre in Canada and multi-unit apartment complex under Norgate Development after World War II.

At his death, he was president of Stanley A. Vineberg, Investments. He was past director of The Builders, Owners and Managers Association and a member of the Montreal Board of Trade.

Vineberg was interested in the arts throughout his life. He served as national director of the National Ballet of Canada, chairman of the Men's Division of the Place des Arts Campaign and patron of the Museum of Fine Arts.

In the field of education, he was vice-chairman of the Special Names Capital Drive Fund for McGill University from which he graduated in 1927.

Vineberg is survived by his wife the former Gerturde Wener, his son Stephen; his brother, heart surgeon Dr. Arthur Vineberg. A daughter, Sheila (Mrs. Marvin L. Stein), predeceased him.

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Bonds goal up $5 million

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The new chairman of the 1976 Israel Bonds, Rubin Zimmerman, has set a goal of $15 million for the coming year, up $5 million from 1975.

"The new policy is to get every household to become the owner of a bond," Zimmerman said in an interview. He said however, that the Bonds committee would be satisfied with $12 or $13 million.

Zimmerman and Mrs. Sidney (Jeanne) Ostrov were appointed recently as 1976 Israel Bond chairmen of the Montreal men's and women's divisions respectively, by Allan Bronfman, national president of State of Israel Bonds.

Zimmerman is a vice-president and national cash collections chairman of Canada Israel Securities, State of Israel Bonds.

He has been active for many years on behalf of Israel and the Montreal Jewish community and is a director of the Jewish General Hospital, YM-YWHA, Shaare Zion Synagogue, the Jewish People's Peretz Schools and the Jewish Community Centre.

He also presently serves as president of the Jewish Cultural Association, vice-president of Bar Ilan University and trustee of Allied Jewish Community Services.

Zimmerman is president of Zimcor, an aluminum extrusion company and is a director of Modern Aluminum of England and Zimcor Company of Israel.

Mrs. Ostrov is financial secretary of the Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada. She hopes as chairman of the women's division to interest a broader cross section of women in the importance of Israel Bonds.

People problems can be serious problems.

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Recently arrangements were made for a group of Indian children to attend the public school in a northern Ontario town. The principal of the school in the town was aware that Indian children sometimes had a rough time at the hands of other students; and to try to forestall this kind of situation, he called in a Human Rights Commission counsellor to talk to the other children. The counsellor asked the children if any of them had ever moved to a new school, and what they thought it would feel like if they were the strangers. In this way he helped them understand how the Indian children would be feeling when they arrived, and the integration proceeded relatively smoothly.

Community counselling is one of the major roles of your Ontario Human Rights Commission. We hold seminars and discussions with police in areas where there are communication barriers between them and minority groups, to help relieve tension and promote mutual understanding.

We attend meetings of immigrants and native-born minority groups to explain to them both their rights under the legislation and their responsibilities as citizens of this Province.

We also help bring people into contact with local agencies like home-and-school groups, community and government agencies, and churches, which are available to help but which many people don't even know exist. Wherever there's a difficulty based on race, language, colour or creed, the Human Rights Commission is available to generate discussion and motivate people to develop understanding and respect for the other's point of view.

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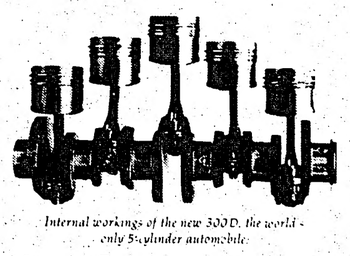

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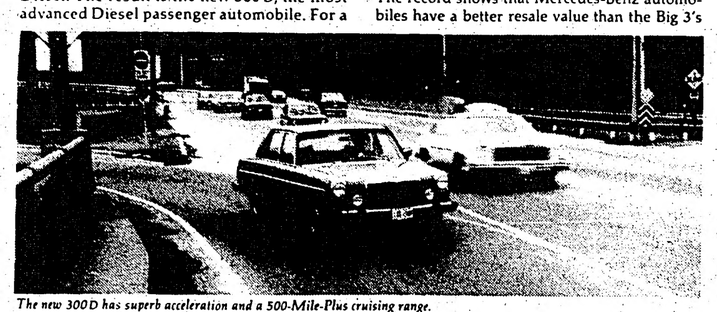

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Strange brand of logic characterizes Ottawa's position on PLO in Canada

"We want the hates and divisions to be checked at the border."

Urban Affairs Minister Barnett Danson is reported as having made this statement in the course of an emotional appeal in which he asked his fellow Jews to respect the right of free speech in Canada "regardless of how offensive it finds the views expressed by PLO representatives."

Mr. Danson's remarks were aimed at Jewish organizations which have declared their intention to fight against the holding of the Habitat conference in Vancouver next June, a conference which PLO representatives will attend.

We agree wholeheartedly with Mr. Danson's sentiment that hates and divisions be checked at our border. The way to achieve this goal would have been for the Canadian Government to refuse a ministerial permit for the entry into Canada of a leading member of the PLO. Had Shafik Al-Hout been stopped at the border, there would have been no confrontation with angry members of the Jewish community who shouted down his attempts to address a public meeting in Toronto.

Mr. Danson's position in the whole affair is an awkward one. As a Jew, he is appalled at the anti-Zionist resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly, and his first impulse was to tell Prime Minister Trudeau that he did not wish to act as government host at the Habitat conference. But it was pointed out to him that as a member of the government, he had a responsibility to carry out duties which fell within the jurisdiction of his department. The principle of cabinet solidarity had to be maintained. The only alternative was to resign.

It is a strange brand of logic that enables the Canadian government on the one hand to oppose the PLO for its avowed plan to destroy Israel, and on the other to admit to this country members of the terrorist group on the simplistic ground that if they have clean records they should be permitted to enter (and spread their propaganda). If an innocent person is killed during the commission of a crime, the question of who did the actual killing is irrelevant. All are guilty. Mr. Shafik Al-Hout may not have actually carried out an act of PLO terrorism, but he belongs to an organization that has slaughtered innocent people and he has defended these facts. In our view, he is just as responsible for the shedding of innocent blood as those who did the foul deeds. Does Mr. Al-Hout come here with clean hands as the government would have us believe? And are those PLO delegates to the Habitat conference in Vancouver to be similarly absolved of all guilt?

Courageous leadership does not compromise with evil. To be sure, there are strong political considerations supporting the government's determination to host the Habitat conference in Vancouver — despite the near-unanimous opposition of the Vancouver city council — but on moral grounds this policy is indefensible.

To allow members of a criminal organization into Canada and to bestow on them the precious right of free speech, is to make a mockery of free speech itself and our democratic philosophy. As we have already said, evil is evil and those who would compromise with it, no matter on what grounds, are lacking in courage.

Soviets disregarding human rights provisions of the Helsinki accord

A group of noted Western scientists visited Russia last year and, in the course of their deliberations with Soviet government officials, they were given to understand that Dr. Veniamin Levich, an eminent physical chemist, would be granted a visa to immigrate to Israel.

Last month, that pledge still unfulfilled, Levich's son called a news conference in Britain to expose the Soviets' promise as a lie. Despite the fanfare of supposed goodwill on the part of the Russian government, he is still refused permission to leave.

The case of Veniamin Levich might not be so shocking if it had not been for the crying fact that tens of thousands of other Soviet Jews are similarly denied the right to emigrate. Member of Parliament Robert Kaplan (L.-York Centre), who recently went to the Soviet Union with an official Canadian delegation, confirmed these pernicious restrictive policies when he disclosed that Moscow persists in churning out reams of propaganda in order to discredit Western claims that the free flow of emigrants is still being impeded.

Mr. Kaplan's observations are supported by the findings of an international panel which recently completed three days of hearings in Copenhagen on the state of human rights in the Soviet Union. The panelists, including Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal and playwright Eugene Ionesco, concluded there was "strong reason to doubt" that Moscow was adhering to international agreements on human rights. They further charged that the vaunted Helsinki declaration of 1975 was being flagrantly ignored.

The panel, gleaning part of its information from such Soviet witnesses as Andrei Siniavsky and Pyotr Grigorenko, specifically accused the Russians of restricting freedom of religion, thought and expression and of displaying harsh intolerance towards non-conformist behavior.

It is patently clear by now that the Soviet government is disregarding the human rights provisions of the Helsinki document with a cynicism that is nothing short of astounding. The question we must address ourselves to is how we can best exert pressure on Moscow to comply with human rights declarations. Perhaps Soviet dissident Andrei Amalrik has the answer.

As he put it in an article: "If the U.S. sets itself the objective of establishing truly friendly relations with the U.S.S.R. and wants to be assured of their durability, then it must strive for the transformation of the closed Soviet system to an open one."

Mr. Amalrik is really saying that detente — which is, in fact, a step toward peaceful relations between the big two powers — cannot function unless human rights are fully respected. Are you listening, Mr. Kissinger?

If Olympic security carried out well, terrorism is unlikely to occur

It would be monstrous and certainly unforgivable if a second Munich massacre occurred at the 1976 summer Olympic Games in Montreal.

The recent disclosures in **The Globe and Mail** concerning a conspiracy by some 14 Arab Canadians to assist foreign agents in an act of terrorism in Montreal should be treated with the utmost seriousness, despite Solicitor-General Warren Allmand's denial of the reported allegations and the declaration by the president of the Canadian Arab Federation that the article in question was based on "fabrications and lies by Israeli agents."

The city of Montreal, together with the provincial and federal governments, are spending a fabulous sum of one billion dollars to ensure the success of the quadrennial sports event. That is a lot of money which could otherwise be usefully spent by imperial Mayor Jean Drapeau to clean up some of Montreal's shocking social problems. But now that the money has been spent or committed, everything should be done to facilitate a successful and terrorist-free Olympic Games.

To its credit, the federal government has not been lax in the field of security. If newspaper reports are accurate, legislation designed to close Canada's borders to potential terrorists is likely to go to the cabinet for approval soon. The legislation will give immigration officers power, without right of appeal, to refuse entry to any foreigner they suspect of terrorism.

Despite the necessity of such legislation, more than a few policemen fear it will be rejected because some cabinet ministers feel the law may encroach on civil liberties. It would be a pity if the legislation was thrown out. Hopefully, it will be a happy blend of justice and order, satisfactory to law enforcement officials and civil libertarians.

Meanwhile, steps are being taken by the authorities to thwart any terrorist attempts now or in the future. Dozens of frontier roads have been closed and electronic sensors and infra-red devices to spot persons crossing the border illegally on foot are to be installed by both Canada and the United States. As well, the Immigration Department intends to introduce its new computer system at all international airports and major ports of entry by 1976, and the post office is likely to be scrupulous in inspecting mail for a number of selected Canadians, particularly Jews, who may be targets of the terrorists.

Whether all these measures have any effect in deterring or preventing terrorism remains to be seen, since a clever and determined terrorist can usually upset the best laid plans. Still and all, we believe a terrorist outrage on the scale of Munich is something that is unlikely to occur if all the security precautions are carried out with precision and dispatch.

Shaken by senseless murder of daughter Mariam, Max and Merle Peters look to future with hope

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

She was 16-years old, weighed 98 pounds, was just under five feet tall and, by her own admission, was a flirt as well as a sentimentalist. When Max Peters thinks of her today, his dark handsome face sags like that of a ravaged old man, and his mind performs an instant replay of the horrors of the Holocaust.

Peters, who lost part of his family in the last world war, is profoundly aware that the cold-blooded murder of his daughter was not only an act of random cruelty but a foul deed of supreme irony.

As a youth, he survived brushes with death and overcame haunted, fearful days and sleepless, hunger-filled nights. He knows that life is fickle and fleeting but never in his wildest nightmares could he ever imagine that Mariam Deborah, named after his mother who perished in a concentration camp, would be cut down in a city so far removed, in time and space, from the surrealistic death camps of Europe.

"I've had a hard time in life and just when I started living like a human being — this..."

Mariam Peters died at the Toronto General Hospital last month, the 44th local murder victim of the year. She was stabbed 16 times on the escalator of a deserted downtown subway station, and she succumbed to her severe wounds some four days later. Despite a $10,000 reward, the killer has not been found.

Less than 30 days after her senseless death, Peters, a shopkeeper, is torn by a gnawing, corrosive guilt. Why is he alive when his Mariam is dead? For four terrible days and nights, as he and his family waited and strained for encouraging news from the doctors desperately trying to save this frail girl, Peters was tormented by one thought which flashed through his brain like an electrical current.

"I kept asking God: why did you spare my life and take hers. I must have sinned so badly that my prayers were not accepted," he said, consumed by remorse.

Mariam Deborah Peters: typical teenager.

Mariam's mother, Merle, a gentle woman of 38, refuses to martyrize her daughter. "She was a typical teenager growing up," she said simply, showing me a composition that Mariam wrote last February. Mariam described herself in a dozen adjectives: "sentimental, kind, nice, flirt, vivacious, outgoing, pleasant, good, compact, big mouth, ugly and lack of self-confidence."

She wanted to be a social worker, her mother said, so she was actively involved in working with mentally disturbed children. Mrs. Peters disclosed that her clothes have been donated to the Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded.

According to Mrs. Peters, Mariam was on her way to visit her grandparents at Mount Sinai Hospital when she was assaulted. Her boyfriend of 10 months, Stephen, was to have accompanied her but he had a cold and remained at home.

Max and Merle Peters ponder the life and death of their older daughter. (El-Baz photo)

Merle Peters drove her daughter to the Finch stop of the Yonge subway line. It was the last time she saw Mariam conscious. At 10:15 p.m., two Metro policemen knocked on the door of their Willowdale Spanish-style detached home to tell them and their children, Jeffrey, 13, and Renee, six, the sad news.

The team of doctors operating on the grade 11 A.Y. Jackson student did not offer the Peters' much hope. Mariam had lost too much blood and a clot had formed on her brain. But they clung to hope. "We prayed for a miracle," the parents said. They even called the Lubavicher rebbe in New York for spiritual solace.

Mariam lingered on for about 96 hours, and at one point in the vigil she squeezed her mother's hand after Mrs. Peters pleaded with her to respond.

The funeral service was held at Pride of Israel Temple and approximately 1,500 persons — friends, relatives, fellow students and strangers — attended. To Charles Sideritz, who has driven a cab for 25 years, Mariam's funeral was the biggest he had ever witnessed.

In his eulogy, Rabbi Harold Lerner advised the mourners "not to be occupied with what is beyond you. You may have been shown more than you understand."

The other night, Max Peters reflected on the rabbi's words. "The way of God is not for us to understand," he said, echoing Rabbi Lerner's comment, and gazing at his wife.

"Raising Mariam was like growing a tree," she said softly, tears in her eyes,"...she was a branch but I have to finish growing the other branches of the tree."

She looked at Jeffrey and Renee, disconsolate but hopeful.

Degania became model of successful kibbutz

Landmark Events In Our History

By ROCHELLE CARR

Exhausted, the tiny group of Jews returned to their makeshift living conditions after a long day's work of building for the future. It was Nov. 30, 1910. What they began to create during that month is what is generally accepted (the date varies, some say it began in 1909) as Israel's first kibbutz — Degania.

The kvutza at Degania (when kibbutzim comprised only a handful of people they were referred to as kvutzot) begun, some say, with as few as two men and two women, would not only grow large enough to be split into Degania Alef and Degania Bet, but also would become a model of successful communal working and living conditions that would be the envy of numerous other countries.

The kibbutz movement (there would be other forms of communal living such as moshavim and even experiments in urban communal living) had its beginnings through a combination of necessity and ideological motivation. The idea of the commune got off the ground when more and more Jewish workers began to be discontent working within a managerial-based agricultural system.

During the next two decades the idea gained wider acceptance as more and more Zionists backed the belief that it was necessary for the fulfilment of the Zionist dream that new land outside traditional areas of Jewish settlement be purchased and made liveable and fruitful by Jews living in Eretz Yisrael.

Another impetus to the kibbutz system was brought about by security problems. Numerous new kibbutzim such as Hanita, Shaar Hagolan and Revivim sprang up after the Arab disturbances in 1929 and 1936 and on.

Such kibbutzim, originally consisting of prefabricated huts and a watchtower, were, after careful planning, literally set up in a matter of hours in the midst of hostile Arab neighbors. During the Homa Vemigal (the Wall and Watchtower) period of kibbutz growth, kibbutzniks added to their renown in agriculture, a new aspect — skill in defending their land. At one point, Kibbutz Meuhad alone could boast, among others, such prominent Haganah leaders as Yitzchak Sade, Israel Galili and Yigal Allon.

In addition to their contribution to the country's defence and eventual political system, kibbutzim fostered all forms of art, music and literature even at a time when chalutzim (pioneers) were falling victim to malaria.

Literally billions of words have been written analyzing the kibbutz system as an expression of the religion of labor, as the modern world's finest example of democracy and so on. Whatever, for the kibbutznik, the system essential provided him or her with the means of personal involvement to help attain and maintain the Zionist dream.

In short, it was a Zionist experiment in Utopia — that worked.

Letters to the Editor

Travel to Holland suggested as thanks

Dear Editor:

The Jewish traveller has been discouraged recently from visiting countries which voted for the United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism. Mexico has been singled out because of its popularity with Jewish tourists. I feel, however, that specific alternatives have not been encouraged sufficiently, thus leading people with the prospect of cancelling their Mexican holiday plans and going to Miami Beach again or even staying home. My suggestion is a strong appeal for those people, and others who would like to go away for a vacation but have not chosen a destination yet, to go and visit Holland.

First of all, the Dutch government and people have maintained a continuous, warm friendship with Israel as well as the Jewish people. I wasn't around to witness their bravery or heroics during World War II, but I certainly was last year when Dutch citizens chose to live in unheated homes and drive less. They didn't do it for their own sake; they did it out of solidarity with Israel.

Secondly, many people don't realize that Holland is a beautiful country equipped with many excellent and unique tourist attractions. Of particular interest to the Jewish visitor in Amsterdam are the ancient Portuguese synagogue, Anne Frank House, and the Jewish Historical Museum. For the religiously inclined, there are synagogues and at least two strictly kosher restaurants within walking distance of some hotels. Rotterdam also has a good selection of sights, and the feature attraction in The Hague is the miniature city of Madurodam.

It may cost more to fly to Holland than Mexico or Miami, but the Dutch people never have to think twice when they make costly sacrifices for us. We owe it to them to go and see their country and meet them. There are not too many decent people left on this earth, but it can safely be said that they have always been, and still are, a courageous and morally unflinching people.

Robert Benedek,
Toronto.

Dear Editor:

The world has obviously learned nothing. The hate, so deeply ingrained in the world and nurtured for so long is now surfacing once again. The difference is that it has now received a legitimate public forum, and let that forum know that with its recent vote, its halls and assemblies drip with the blood of the six million. Hatred for this people has always been disguised by a 'word,' and is eternally rationalized by 'simple words.'

He is the 'capitalist' in the socialist country, the 'communist' in the capitalist country. And then the 'words' of the centuries all joined forces to create the culminating word — the '**Untermensche**!

Now another 'word' has joined the ranks of those infamous words. 'Racist' is now the descriptive 'word' of Judaism and the first constructive result of that vote was the murder of seven children, all under the age of 17, in the busiest section of Jerusalem to "celebrate the recent UN victories." The UN has set a precedent in introducing the first formal, legal declaration pronouncing 'anti-Jewishness' as a valid 'revolutionary movement.'

It is interesting to note that the Third World has now taken advantage of its first opportunity to prove itself worthy by adopting the same language its fellow worlds have developed. The new 'word' has been chosen by those countries that can relate to that specific word the best. Another 'word' has been rendered meaningless except for the vile hatred it shall now stand for. Now that Judaism has been equivocated with racism the next logical step will be to table a resolution calling for the "Final Solution on Racists."

James A. Diamond,
Osgoode Hall Law School.

Dear Editor:

In light of the recent UN resolution and the dire economic straits in which Israel finds itself, we in the Diaspora can take positive steps to aid Israel's economic position and at the same time act against those countries supporting the anti-Jewish resolution. These are my suggestion which I urge all Jews to follow:

1. All Jews cannot buy bonds or travel to Israel each year. However, since we all must purchase food, each family must make a point of buying at least $2 of Israeli foodstuffs each week. There would be a tremendous economic stimulus to Israeli exports bringing in much needed foreign exchange.

2. Where a choice of products exists, opt for that product manufactured in a country that voted against the UN resolution. For example, instead of buying a Portuguese wine, buy Israeli first or if it is not to your taste, buy Canadian.

3. Jews have long flocked to Mexico during the winter season in droves. Go to Israel first, or to Miami, the Bahamas etc.

Certainly **all** Jews can act upon the first two suggestions.

E. Fine,
Toronto.

Dear Editor:

May I thank you for the excellent coverage you gave our recent discussion on the 'New Morality.' **The Canadian Jewish News** has filled a great void in our community in its coverage of Jewish events.

Since the start of the Professional Club, Labour Zionist Alliance, we have used **The Canadian Jewish News** to attract singles and couples in our community, rather than using direct mailing. The results have been more than satisfactory. We reach thousands of Jews and at the same time give our support to the newspaper that is an asset to our community.

I would suggest other Jewish organizations consider dropping direct mailings in favor of an advertisement in your columns for announcements of meetings, etc. By giving an advance notice a week or so beforehand and then repeating the advertisement the week of the affair, we are sure of reaching the public even if **The CJN** is sometimes delivered a few days late by the mail (when they are not on strike).

Jerry Genesove,
cultural chairman,
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Toronto.

Childless Orthodox aided by discovery

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOTH —

A method that enables previously childless Orthodox women to have children without violating the tenants of family purity as laid down by traditional Judaism has been developed by Prof. Bruno Lunenfeld, director of the Institute of Endocrinology at the Sheba Medical Centre, on the outskirts of Tel Aviv.

For an Orthodox woman, sexual intercourse is only permitted during a limited period each month. It can begin, according to Jewish law, seven days after the end of her menstrual period, until which she is regarded as unclean. In ordinary circumstances, this does not prevent her from becoming pregnant as the onset of the time when intercourse is permitted is exactly when it is most likely to result in conception. However, if a woman's menstrual period extends beyond the usual five days, or her menstrual cycle is less than the usual 28 days, her days of greatest fertility may occur during the time when she is "unclean" and therefore forbidden to her husband.

Prof. Lunenfeld found that this problem can almost always be solved, once the religious woman's most fertile days are determined, by giving her an anti-estrogenic substance known as clomiphene citrate. As a result, ovulation is delayed long enough to occur when the women is permitted by the laws of family purity to have intercourse.

Ironically, this substance was originally developed as a means of birth control, but for some time has been used primarily to induce ovulation in infertile women.

It was by no means a foregone conclusion that the Orthodox rabbinate would approve the use of clomiphene citrate. In other instances the rabbis have turned thumbs down on new medicines or medical techniques. A leading rabbinical authority recently ruled, for example, that plastic surgery for merely cosmetic reasons was a violation of Jewish law because it made unnecessary changes in the body. However, in the case of this medication, most rabbis say that the human end justifies the medical means.

Moslem women have likewise benefited from this new treatment. Subject to even more severe laws of purity than their Jewish sisters, the anti-estrogenic substances has saved many of them from childlessness.

Stuart Smith enters leadership race

Neophyte MPP offers himself as answer to Liberal dreams

By TOBA KORENBLUM
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —
It seems a long way from the lacklustre, windowless cubbyhole office occupied by Stuart Smith, rookie MPP, to the spacious, plush den of power boss Bill Davis. But if the wheels of political fortune turn in his favor, Smith could be the next leader of Ontario's Liberal party and — who knows — Ontario's first Jewish premier.

As Smith will tell you, this scenario may not be too far-fetched. Although newly elected as Hamilton West's representative in the legislature, the 37-year-old Burlington psychiatrist says his chances are good for grabbing the top job, bypassing the old guard Liberals and a competitive field of 10.

During the course of an hour-long interview recently at Queen's Park, in that 9 by 13-foot, thin-walled, make-shift structure called an office, Smith, though soft-spoken, exuded the brash, self-assured, sharp-witted political sophistication that is the stuff of winners.

What is the reaction from the seasoned veterans to the lofty political aspirations of a neophyte MPP? He admits quite matter-of-factly that his lack of experience in the legislature will be regarded as a drawback, but remarks: "I'm going to have to show them it doesn't take long to catch on to the game...it really isn't a complicated one."

And, he likes to point out, other relatively unknown "newcomers" charged to the top overnight — Alberta's Peter Lougheed and that other Peter, Pierre Elliot Trudeau.

But why Stuart Smith? The Liberal party, now in an emasculated, dead-end, third place, needs dynamic leadership to prevent it from floundering, he says; a man with quick-footedness, style — a match for the dynamic Opposition Leader, Stephen Lewis.

"He must think issues through deeply and articulate them, to make the complicated more easily understood. The general population is more educated than politicians think and it is not enough to throw out simplistic slogans."

Brash, sharp-witted rookie MPP Stuart Smith of Hamilton has already made quite an impression in his first couple months in the Legislature. He is seeking Liberal leadership.

Anticipating a reaction to what was, in fact, a bold self-appraisal, Smith quickly moved in with a rejoinder: "What the hell...if I'm going to be modest, what am I running for?"

Digging back into the Smith biography will tell you that this cool young father of two, dressed in a rather conservative, dark three-piece, pin-stripe suit, had the political itch back in his McGill student days.

President of the student union, top debator, top scholar, Smith was executive assistant to Liberal Speaker of the House of Commons, Alan McNaughton, while still a medical student. Grooming himself to inherit McNaughton's Mount Royal seat, Smith's political career was abruptly curtailed at 27 when the party's powers-that-be parachuted another candidate into the traditionally Liberal riding. It was Trudeau.

An idealistic Smith was bitter and resentful, but acceded to party demands. "Others could have had the trick done to them," says the 10-years-older, more subdued and wiser Smith.

He headed toward an academic career in psychiatry, spending eight years at Hamilton's McMaster University Medical School and acting as director of psychiatric in-patient services at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Community activities in social planning, youth services and the health field along with a side-line TV career, kept his finger in the political pie. With the Liberal's heading for an apparent sweep and with Nixon's assurances of a "senior position" in the cabinet, Smith jumped into the arena and came out the victor in Hamilton West by trouncing the favorite, a well-known city controller.

The outcome of the provincial election was quite a shock to the ambitious Smith. "I saw my political career plans shot through with holes," he says. Unprepared to face the pressure of a political leadership while still accommodating to his new role as MPP, he nevertheless was one of the first to declare his candidacy for the Jan. 22-23 leadership convention.

He sees his chief competition coming from 46-year-old Ontario riding MP Norm Cafik who finished second to Nixon in 1973.

Political pundits, including **The Globe and Mail**'s Norman Webster, have been favorably impressed with Smith's political acumen and his sparkling speeches as the Liberal's health critic. Others have predicted that his philosophical-intellectualism will be seen as a drawback in appealing to the rural vote.

Says Smith, in retaliation to the media stamp of "urban academic": "Simple minds are able to deal only in stereotypes..."

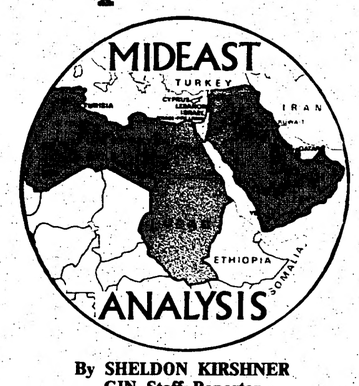
When asked whether he felt Ontario was ready for a Jewish premier, he quickly responded in the affirmative. A Jew has a greater chance for victory in Ontario than Quebec where the fundamental question, says Smith, is whether you are English or French; Protestant, Catholic or Jew.

His religious and cultural affiliations are negligible, he concedes, compared to the period of his adolescence in Montreal where one had to defend his Jewishness in street corner fights.

Projecting himself into the seat of premier, he said he would have no compunction to vociferously oppose admitting the PLO into the country for any purpose; to recommend that Canada withhold financial support for the world body, should future events verify its present course, and urge the federal government to "refuse to accept groups that are using the UN for their own purpose."

In the meantime, back from the clouds, the Stuart Smith of today is a novice MPP in an ailing party whose future is any crystal-ball gazer's guess. It's 10 a.m. and Stuart Smith is on the phone, hunched behind his large desk that dwarfs his quarters in the north wing of the legislative building. The bell is ringing calling the members to morning session.

Syrians are determined to sabotage atmosphere of positiveness in Mideast



By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Of all the Arab countries actively involved in the Arab-Israeli dispute, none remains as bitter and intransigent as Syria — the "confrontation" state least willing to accept the reality of a Jewish nation in the Middle East.

There are many reasons for Syria's implacable attitude, but the most compelling ones revolve around Damascus' perception of Israel as a gangster state whose territory is really part and parcel of historic southern Syria and of as a usurper of legitimate Palestinian national rights.

Indeed, Syria's unwillingness to confront Israel within the framework of accepted international relations runs the gamut from war to peace.

In the aftermath of the Six Day War, Syria, unlike Egypt and Jordan, refused to abide by UN Security Council resolution 242, and six years later she resisted resolution 338 in spite of the fact that her army had been routed on the Golan Heights by the advancing Israelis.

After the Yom Kippur War, the Ba'athists who rule Syria reneged on the ceasefire and conducted a 70-day war of attrition against the entrenched Israelis on Mount Hermon. This occurred at a time when Jerusalem and Cairo were busily engaged in hammering out an interim agreement in the Sinai. Concomitantly, President Assad declined to send a Syrian delegation to the short-lived Geneva Peace Conference.

President Hafez el-Assad of Syria.

Given the Syrian stance, it is little wonder that U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger almost failed to secure Damascus' agreement to a Syrian-Israeli disengagement pact on the Golan Heights. It took Kissinger 33 days of shuttle diplomacy to convince the Ba'athists to sign the accord.

And even as the agreement was being implemented, the Syrians were insistently demanding a complete Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories. Currently, Kissinger is attempting to lay the groundwork for a second-stage disengagement, but the likelihood is that he will not succeed. In fact, he was quoted as saying that shuttle diplomacy has run its course and that it is high time to reconvene the Geneva talks.

Whether the Syrians will accept the Geneva forum is questionable. Their spokesman, in addition to denouncing the Sinai accord, have repeatedly said that they will not make political concessions to Israel even if her army withdraws from the bulk of the Golan Heights.

In a fiery speech marking the fifth anniversary of President Assad's accession to power, Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam declared that "we will bring down the Sinai agreement even if we have to shed blood for it." Elaborating, Khaddam called the accord an Egyptian betrayal of the Arab cause, saying that it had the effect of removing her "from the battle" and thus leaving Syria in a more vulnerable position.

By word and by deed, the Syrians are doing their utmost to sabotage the positive atmosphere engendered by the Sinai agreement. An unidentified but important figure in the Ba'ath Party caused something of a sensation in the Middle East when he announced "that by the time of the anniversary next year...we will have accomplished another October." It was an obvious reference to Oct. 6, the day Syria and Egypt mounted a combined offensive against Israel. Some days later, the Syrians permitted a band of Palestinian infiltrators to cross the ceasefire lines in a murderous assault against a frontier settlement.

It is difficult to predict whether the Syrians will carry out their tacit threats to resume warfare with Israel or indeed whether they will acquiesce to Palestinian border raids. But this much is all but certain: the Syrians, proud of their pristine Arab nationalist credentials, will never agree to the status quo. They will not rest until Israel withdraws from the whole of the Golan Heights.

In the meantime, the Syrians are preparing themselves for a possible war scenario. Striving to protect his flanks, President Assad is patching up relations with Iraq and Jordan in the hope that these politically disparate nations will join Syria in a fullscale war or in another war of attrition. As an added precaution, Assad has withdrawn two army divisions from the Iraqi border to bolster his forces on the heavily fortified Golan Heights.

Barring a dramatic diplomatic breakthrough, war preparations rather than peace talks will be the order of the day governing relations between Syria and Israel for the foreseeable future. The significance of that asymetrical relationship is that it may precipitate a fifth Arab-Israeli war.

'There are no mitzvahs in Heaven...grab them here'

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Meekaytz/ Zot Chanukah 5736
Yayaker Yoseph et echav... And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew him not...

They can send a rocket from here to **Boiberick,** but it won't reach as high as a Jew who does a mitzvah...

Once a Chassid visited the Chozeh of Lublin on Chanukah and gave him a **kvittel** with his friend's name on it. The Rebbe took one look and mumbled, "phooey"... The Chassid was shocked, but didn't give up. A few hours later he submitted the name again. The Rebbe smiled — "this Jew's brightness is shining in all the spheres..." The Chassid was puzzled, and the Rebbe explained — "when you gave me the name before, he was in the middle of a poker game. This time he just lit the menorah..." (Sipurai Chassidim)

If we only knew how precious a mitzvah is...and how hard someday they'll be to come by. Didn't our Rabbis teach — there are no mitzvahs in Heaven...we have to grab them down here in Toronto and Hamilton...

But it takes **saychel** not to throw away the precious time we have. Consider...after Joseph unraveled the dreams of the seven fat and lean years, he warned — "**Yaireh Pharaoh ish chacham v'navon**...let Pharaoh choose a discreet and wise man to store the food during the years of plenty..."

It's strange, though — why did they need a person to be so smart — let them just pick a go-getter who knows how to run a few granaries? But Joseph said — "listen, go-getter is not enough. You need someone with brains to warn the people what's coming in the future even when things are going great now..." The same way — every Jew has to pinch himself and remember there are no Royal Banks in Paradise, and all we have is what we pack away here in **maasim tovim**... (Y.Y. Lubtshinsky z'l)

The Grade A mitzvahs are the ones that come wrapped — not by Simpson's, but by secrecy and disgression. The only one who has to know you've served G—d is...G—d. Imagine...after Joseph finished speaking, Pharaoh announced happily — "Can we find anyone like this — **ishasher ruach Elokim bo**...a man who the spirit of G—d is — **bo** — in him..." What was Pharaoh so surprised about?

But Pharaoh looked at Joseph and wondered... He looks like everyone else, pin-stripe suit, zippy sideburns, and yet **bo** — inside, he's really a **tzadik**. Anyone who can hide his holiness so well must really be a man of G—d... (Reb Bunim of Pashischa)

Holy or not, our enemies still don't **fargin** us a few miles of earth to call our own. But it's nothing new... When Joseph invited his brothers to eat in the palace, the Egyptians demanded that they eat at separate tables — "**ki to'aivah hi l'Mitzraim** — it was an abomination to Egypt..."

As long as we're good to each other. Once the Radziner Rebbe had a tooth-ache on Chanukah and the dentist yanked it out. When the Rebbe wanted to pay, the dentist refused. "Keep it in place of Chanukah gelt, Rebbe —"

The Rebbe whispered confidentally — "Okay, but please don't tell anyone. I have some baale batim that instead of Chanukah gelt would love to knock out my teeth..." (Fun Unzer Alter Otzer)

The lights of Chanukah are not of this world... There were four powers that overran Israel, the Babylonians, the Persians, the Greeks and the Romans. At the end of the Greek rule we had the miracle of eight little lights. At the end of this final galus, there will be such a light...such a light... Shabbat Shalom and a Freliche Zot Chanukah...

Uncle Eliezer deserves share of praise in winning Smolar Award

By J.B. SALSBERG

Generally speaking, a columnist is a practitioner of a highly personalized form of journalism. The views and observations that this type of commentator makes are usually filtered through his own intellectual and emotional prism. In that sense he is always personal. But if there are times when a columnist may be excused for being introspectively personal with his readers, then the present is, perhaps, such an occasion for me. So bear with me, my very generous friends.

As you already know this paper attained the unusual distinction of winning no less than three, out of a total of eight, awards "given for excellence in North American Jewish journalism in 1975." To the extent that this is a community newspaper the publishers and the editor can justifiably lay claim to upholding high standards of professional journalism on behalf of the community as a whole.

My youthful colleagues, Lewis Levendel and Sheldon Kirshner, who share with me the three awards that were granted us, more than deserve the honors that were bestowed upon them. They are very able and dedicated professional newspapermen. But as for myself, well, that's another matter.

Mind you, I don't question the wisdom of the Smolar Award Committee of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds of the U.S.A. and Canada for casting their collective eye of approval upon me, your humble servant. (After all, I'm only human.) But, in the first place, I do not now and never did consider myself a professional writer. And second, if any recognition is due for what I do here week-in and week-out, it must be shared with my good uncle Eliezer whose influence on what appears in this column is greater than you know.

As for me I have been writing for periodicals for more than 50 years now. But throughout that period journalism has always been primarily a very important and very precious means of self-expression on issues and problems that were meaningful to me and to my fellow men. I do not consider myself a professional writer, in the sense of earning a living from it, any more than I consider myself a professional public speaker though both these activities occupy a major portion of my time.

But it is my uncle Eliezer that helps me to remain true to myself. It is he, while shunning the limelight, that exercises the greatest pressures on me to deal with given issues and people.

Uncle Eliezer is incurably allergic to hypocrites, alrightniks, slackers (to charity appeals) and the like. Much of what I write is expressive of what he thinks should be emphasized at a given time.

Thus it is that when uncle Eliezer gets fed-up with the instant "aristocrats" and the pretenders to, at least, a connection with, say, a baron or baroness in the land of Hotze-Plotze; it is then that I write a series about once upon a time... I do this, as my uncle says, to put a stop to this nauseating, make-believe goings-on among our alrightniks and in order to pay respect to the honest, hard-working and simple people of another generation that sired those alrightniks.

When uncle Eliezer senses that, what he calls, "the average Jew on Bathurst St." is being shunned into the background by what threatens to become an establishment, he comes to me and demands that I "do something about it." As a rule I see eye-to-eye with him and try to ward off the menace to popular, grass-roots involvement in the shaping of Jewish life. Unfortunately, this intervention does not always help but, as my uncle says, "at least you tried."

I was surprised to realize from the "award" story in the last issue of the paper that I have been writing this column for the past 4½ years. How time flies! So I looked up the first column I wrote in September 1971 and, believe it or not, it was entitled: "Yes, uncle Eliezer, I will."

My uncle doubted then whether the paper, despite the new ownership, would give me the promised freedom to write as I see fit. We spoke about it for some time and that first column ended this way: "When uncle Eliezer was about to leave I told him that I intended to write for the new **Canadian Jewish News**. He smiled and said; "Zei goot tzu Yidden" — be good to Jews. I assured him that I couldn't do otherwise.

In the doorway he turned to me thoughtfully and said: "But don't forget the old Jewish saying that the truth must be told even when it concerns one's own father."

To my uncle Eliezer I therefore say; "Yes, uncle Eliezer, I will."

Well, uncle Eliezer, I did keep my promise to you, didn't I? So did the paper with regards to my freedom to do so. And now, uncle Eliezer, that we are acknowledged for what we, you and I, are trying to do I want to share those honors with you publicly — for without you it would have been just another bit of writing that would hardly merit recognition, let alone honors. Here is to you, uncle Eliezer!

Letter to the Editor

Yiddish recitals

Dear Editor:

The unique experience that some 300 people and I shared urges me to write this letter to you.

I refer to the evening of recitals organized by the Jewish Book Committee at the Shaarei Tefillah Congregation.

Over the past 20 years, I have attended regularly, various educational and cultural events in the city of Toronto, and can say this was probably one of the most exhilarating experiences that I had to hear local talent reading so beautifully and with such feeling from the masterpieces of our great Yiddish writers. The five participants read their pieces with such passion and feeling, interspersed with humor that created an environment which will for long not be forgotten by those present.

Many thanks to all those who were involved in arranging this function and to Canadian Jewish Congress. We hope similar events will be arranged in the future.

Mrs. J. Goldberg,
Toronto.

ask the rabbi

Reform ceremony doesn't alter status of children born to Orthodox girl

1. If a girl whose parents were Orthodox married a boy whose parents were Reform in a Reform ceremony, what would the young couple need to do in order to ensure that their children were acceptable in the Orthodox community?

There is nothing they need do. Their children would automatically be acceptable in the Orthodox community unless, of course, there was a legal impediment to their marriage of a kind that affects the status of the children e.g. where the bride had been previously married and had not received a Get from her first husband.

Your question is put so often that it is as well that the situation is clearly explained. There can be no objection to the children of a couple married in a Reform synagogue being married in an Orthodox synagogue for one very simple reason. This is that even if the parents had not been married at all the status of their children would not be affected. A child born out of wedlock is perfectly kosher so far as Jewish law is concerned. The mamzer, who is not allowed to marry an ordinary Jewess according to the Orthodox law, is the issue of either an incestuous or an adulterous union.

It follows that your couple's children will be allowed to marry in any Orthodox synagogue. The fact that one or two Orthodox rabbis are less than frank in stating unambiguously that this is so does not alter the fact, not long ago agreed as fact by the Chief Rabbi, that it is so.

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Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

These are two of 25 Ontarians selected as International Woman's Year winners. They are psychologist and educator Reva Gerstein (left) and volunteer worker Pearl Langer of Co-ordinated Services to Jewish Elderly. (Groskind)

FOR ART LOVERS

This weekend is a bonanza for art lovers — Art Auction '75, a collection of oils, lithographs and sculptures by leading artists, previews at B'nai Israel Beth David Synagogue on Saturday at 8 p.m. The bidding starts at 9. This event is sponsored by Danielle Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women.

The Articraft Show and Sell at Winchevsky Centre on Saturday and Sunday, will be a combination display, sale (at moderate prices), and demonstration by the artisans themselves. The time is 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and the sponsoring organization is Emil Gartner Lodge of the United Jewish Peoples Order.

The exhibit and auction being put on by Forestdale Heights Lodge of B'nai B'rith on Sunday will feature oils, graphics, watercolors and sculptures by international artists. It takes place at the Prince Hotel ballroom, beginning with refreshments and preview at 7:30 p.m., and the auction at 8:30.

Then, for a change of pace on the subject, there's a lecture on **Jews in Art** being given by Dr. Sydney Wax, on Sunday at 8 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Museum. This is part of the Sunday Night at the Museum series.

GETTING MARRIED?

The Engaged Couples Seminar, organized by the Jewish Marriage Education Committee, is slated for this Sunday, Dec. 7, beginning at 10 a.m. at the BBYO House on Hove Street. Discussions will be about the **Psychological Aspects of the Marriage Relationship, The Marriage Ceremony,** and **Sexual Relationship and Jewish Law.** Participants will be Dr. Joseph Berger, psychiatrist (and co-chairman of the committee along with Phyllis Mayer); Rabbi Howard Sacknovitz, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, and Prof. Leo Davids of York University.

MONEY 'N' MUSIC

Beth Am Sisterhood's Money 'n' Music takes place at the synagogue this Saturday, the 6th, at 8:30 p.m. It's in the form of a cabaret, with dancing, refreshments and a musical revue entitled **Mazooma,** written and directed by Rosalyne Federman and starring the Beth Am Players. For reservations, call Barbara Federman at 633-2435.

MILLIONAIRES NITE

Millionaires Nite is what the social committee of Habonim Congregation is calling their fun event set for Saturday, the 6th, at 8 p.m. The invitation reads — games, prizes, phony play money and refreshments. For information, call Mrs. M. Gottlieb at 485-6774.

BARGAINS GALORE

Adath Israel Sisterhood is having another one of their rummage sales on Sunday, the 7th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the synagogue. Headline bargains include new merchandise, clothing, skates and jewelry.

SINGLES DANCE

Also on Sunday, the 7th, the University Graduate Club (for singles 25-40) is having a Chanukah dance at Beth Meyer Synagogue on Collinson Blvd. The time is 8:30 p.m.

FAMILY CHANUKAH PARTY

Another Saturday event is the family-style Chanukah party, complete with games, prizes and latkes, being held at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue at 8 p.m.

...about people

Charlotte Jacobson

One of the best-known World Zionist personalities will be addressing the Toronto Zionist Council meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 17. She is **Charlotte Jacobson,** chairman of the American section of the WZO in New York and a former president of American Hadassah. Mrs. Jacobson, who is also on the board of governors of the Jewish Agency and vice-president of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, will be discussing **Zionism-Racism — A Diabolic Equation.** The time is 8:15 p.m. at the Zionist Centre, Marlee Avenue.

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A scholarship fund has been established in memory of young **Mariam Deborah Peters,** who was stabbed to death in a subway station in downtown Toronto recently. It is set up, in perpetuity, through the Pride of Israel Temple, to help any student, Jewish or non-Jewish, get a university education. Contributions may be brought to the temple office or to any Bank of Nova Scotia branch.

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An Israeli champagne reception, opening the Toronto branch of Tel Aviv's Topaz jewelry company last Sunday, brought such VIP's as Israeli trade commissioner **Ephraim Raviv** and vice-consul **Miriam Ziev,** and local communi[illegible]eaders **Max Shecter** and **Oscar Sha[illegible]ouse,** to name a few. "This is the best place to start an international branch because so many Torontonians are customers of our store on Dizengoff Circle," owner **Yoram Golan** explains. He has been in town for the past four months setting up the Yorkville Avenue shop. It will carry Israeli products only — a complete line of modern and antique jewelry.

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Congress archivist **Stephen Speisman** has been signed up to teach a course on the Toronto Jewish community for the University of Toronto's School of Continuing Studies. In 10 sessions, running Wednesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. from Jan. 7 on, Dr. Speisman (he has a Ph.D. in history) will be tracing the history and structure of the community — its internal tensions, the establishment of educational and philanthropic institutions and the social set-up.

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Canadians are certainly making their mark in top levels of the reform movement. **Alfred Miller** of Montreal was elected a vice-president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at the recent convention in Dallas, Texas, and **Rabbi Gunther Plaut** and **Henrietta Chesnie** of Toronto, **Bernard Isaacs** of Montreal and **Dr. Franklin Shapiro** of Hamilton are all members of the board. **Lillian Winton** of Toronto is an executive member of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. And **Rose Wolfe** joins fellow Torontonian **Dr. Jordan Pearlson** on the board of governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

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Known as the "First Lady of Bach," conductor-pianist **Rosalyn Tureck** will be appearing at Toronto's Eaton Auditorium Saturday, Dec. 6, in (what else) an all-Bach recital. Equally competent on the harpsichord and clavichord, her expertise is not limited to musical performance alone — she has published several volumes on the work of the German composer and lectures on the subject as well.

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Chairman of Pride of Israel Temple's board of governors for the 1975-76 year is **Dave Rosen,** with **Harry Grossman** and **Harry Shelson** as vice-chairmen.

The lemon is a versatile fruit

With citrus coming into season, now is good time for lemon curd

bon appetit

By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

Lemons are not of especially good quality in Israel during the hotter summer months, and sometimes they disappear from the stores and markets altogether.

Now, slowly, they are coming back into season again. They range from the small, rounded variety with thin, dark emerald skins — almost like limes — to large, pointed, brilliant yellow ones, with a vivid, succulent flesh.

Lemons are used in a wide variety of ways in the Middle East. They are squeezed over salads, used in sweet-and-sour meat and vegetable dishes. Chicken wings, dusted with turmeric and cinnamon and broiled quickly, are treated to a generous drenching in freshly-squeezed lemon juice, and then served over boiled, white rice. Tiny, whole lemons are pickled.

Here are two recipes which we are starting to use again, now that lemons are cheaper and more plentiful. The soup, which is a great favorite all over the Middle East, probably has its home in Greece or the Balkans. It has the advantage of being very quickly and easily prepared if canned broth or chicken soup powder is used instead of home-made chicken soup.

Mediterranean Egg-and-Lemon Soup

2 pints clear chicken soup (home-made, canned or made with good-quality soup powder)
juice of 2 lemons
2 eggs, well-beaten

1. add lemon juice to boiling soup and allow to simmer 5 minutes
2. just before serving, add beaten eggs in slow stream, whisking vigorously as you pour. Remove from heat immediately, and serve at once, sprinkled with fresh, chopped parsley or whole parsley sprigs. Serve with oven-warm pitta or crusty, French bread. 4—6 servings.

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English Lemon Curd

3 lemons
3 eggs
6 tblsps. (about 1/3 cup) butter
1 cup plus 2 tblsps. sugar

1. sterilize 2 jam jars by filling them with boiling water, emptying them, and leaving them to dry, inverted on a clean cloth
2. whisk together the eggs and sugar. Squeeze 2 of the lemons, and cut up the remaining one into small pieces, carefully removing peel, pith and pips. Add lemon juice and pieces to the egg mixture
3. in the top of a double boiler, over rapidly boiling water, stir together with a wooden spoon for 9 minutes, the lemon and egg mixture and the butter, until creamy
4. the curd will be runny at this stage, but will thicken considerably on cooling. Pour, hot, into the jars, top with rounds of waxed paper and cap. Refrigerate when cold. Keeps, refrigerated for about 3 weeks. Use as filling for tarts or as sandwich spread

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Shabbat Shalom!

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The lemon curd is my mother's recipe and an old English tea-time treat. "Curd" is not a very good description — it is actually a rich, smooth cream, which is used as a filling for small tarts or as a sandwich spread, on crusty, white bread.

Bryna Hyman receives award

TORONTO —

Bryna Hyman of Toronto, received a Young Leadership Award at the recent General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, held in Miami.

Mrs. Hyman won the award for her active participation in community activities, particularly leadership development. She is a past chairman of the Young Women's Leadership of the United Jewish Welfare Fund and is currently chairman of the education committee of the UJA Women's Division. She was recently appointed to the board of Hillel.

She is a physical education teacher at the Associated Hebrew Schools.

Synagogue activities

TORONTO —

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue will be a beehive of activity this Sunday — The Kadima Centre for the mentally retarded is having a Chanukah party in the morning. This is an annual event which is shared with Jewish patients from Orillia Hospital.

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'Necessity for tolerance among Judaic branches'

By SHEILA CLENMAN

MONTREAL — Melbourne... Sydney... Bali... Singapore... Thailand... Hong Kong... Taiwan... Tokyo... These were all stops on Prof. Arthur Lermer's recent trip to Australia and the Far East.

Lermer teaches economics at Montreal's Concordia University and is also a member of the national executive of Canadian Jewish Congress. He was asked by 'Kademah' — Melbourne's central Jewish educational association — to deliver a series of lectures on the problems facing the Diaspora. This was the first time that a Canadian had been invited.

What emerged from Lermer's talks was what he refers to as the 'Rainbow Principle.' This is the necessity for mutual Jewish tolerance of our different views and traditions. Only through the preservation of diversity can Jews withstand the pressures from the non-Jewish environment — especially those leaning towards assimilation.

Lermer felt that part of the reason for the warm reactions he encountered was due to the fact that he stressed what binds Jews together rather than what divides them. He feels Jews are too often exposed to disruptive influences.

Lermer was very much impressed with the Jewish community in Melbourne. He found them very warm, hospitable, and community-oriented, and he was impressed by the participation of young people in community life. He came away with the impression that there is a "far greater inter-generation relationship" there than here.

Discussing what impressions stood out in his six-week visit, Lermer mentioned the heavy emphasis on Jewish education in Australia. The large majority of Jewish children there receive a full-time Jewish education. In fact, just outside of Melbourne, is the largest Jewish day school in the world.

Lermer also noted that mixed marriages have not reached the same level as they have here, but Australians are afraid that what is "fashionable in North American will soon catch up with them."

Australian Jews are also disturbed over their government's allegedly unsympathetic position towards Israel. The leadership of the Jewish community is active in trying to reverse this stand.

Lermer found Australians interested in Canada's attitude toward cultural pluralism. Until recently, Australia followed a "melting pot" policy whereby the goal was to assimilate immigrants as soon as possible. The Labor government, which took power three years ago, has been trying to reverse this pattern.

The establishment of a broadcasting network solely for ethnic groups is one manifestation of this policy. A Jewish program, under the auspices of the Jewish Board of Deputies and in conjunction with Kademah, was recently created.

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United Synagogue Youth plan Shabbat Awareness Day Dec. 7

voice of youth

By JEFFREY LIPSITZ

This Sunday, Dec. 7, is Shabbat Awareness Day at USY. The Rosh Chodesh regional study, to be held at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., starting at 2:30 p.m., will explore "options for Shabbat observance."

The program starts with a presentation of **Shabbat on Trial,** a short dramatic production dealing with Shabbat observance and the 20th century Jew.

Rabbi Meyer Berglas, of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, Rabbi Harvey Meirovich, of Oshawa, and Rabbi Stephen Franklin, associate rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple, representing, respectively, the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform views on Shabbat, will speak in turn to each of three groups. These groups will each split into two for discussion, with the rabbis then circulating as resource persons, to reach a concensus of views on some basic aspects of Shabbat observance.

The price of $1.50 includes a light supper.

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The night before the regional study, Saturday, Dec. 6, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at Beth Tikvah, junior and senior chapters will host a "cocktail party, a semi-formal, no-jeans dance with a disc jockey, and a very substantial late evening snack, all for the price of $1.50.

Other chapters from Toronto and the smaller communities in the region will be in attendance for the dance and will stay over for the study the next day. Non-USYers are invited to attend.

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While we're on the topic of USY, the 25th Annual International United Synagogue Youth Convention (known to USYers simply as "International") will take place this year in Chicago, between Dec. 21 and 25, with a stay-over of four extra days in Chicago.

The theme will be "The Jewish Family," with elective sessions on the oral history project of USY; leadership and program techniques; "Yiddish, Then and Now;" "Women in Judaism;" an introduction to Hebrew calligraphy; information on the various summer programs offered by USY; how to publicize an event; "USY and Tfillah;" "USY and Study; "USY and Tikun Olam Fundraising;" social action to aid the Jewish poor and elderly; social and athletic programming and many other aspects of programming and planning.

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Bogrim ("graduates") of Bnei Akiva have formed a group (a "garin aliyah") to go on aliyah to a development town within the next three years.

The garin is called Me'or D'vorah, in the memory of Meir Weiss (hence "Me'or"), a graduate of CHAT who fell in the Yom Kippur War in the defence of the state of Israel, and Alice Gross ("D'vorah"), who was also an Associated student and very close to Bnei Akiva and those forming the garin.

The group now consists of 20 Toronto university students, including four couples. For information on the garin, contact Simi Grossman, 638-4848.

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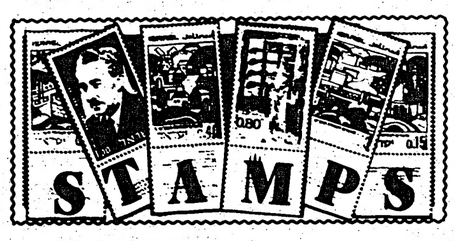
Bnei Akiva also has an annual "Hachshara" program of one full year of work/study in Israel. Open to those now in grade 13, the program includes study at a Yeshiva of higher Jewish learning (for males) and at Machon Gold (for females). For brochures and information, contact Bnei Akiva shaliach Ze'ev Friedman, 630-9266.

Chanukah lamp set



By CHAIM YEHUDA

As we are celebrating the festival of Chanukah, it is appropriate to illustrate a set of stamps for this holiday. Israel normally issues a series of stamps for the High Holy Days annually and occasionally for others such as this one.

The set of three stamps issued in 1972 was designed by Z. Narkiss of Tel Aviv and each stamp depicts a Chanukah lamp from the Israeli Museum collection in Jerusalem. The set is easy to obtain and would probably cost about $1 mint with tabs.

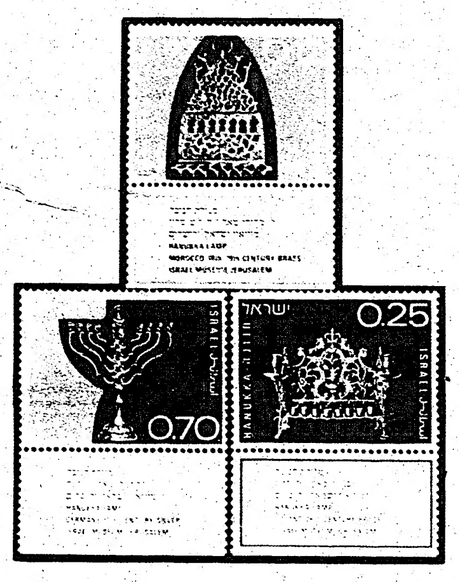
As with other religious objects, local styles and culture, together with our long Jewish heritage, have influenced the design of Chanukah lamps which has changed over the years. Early ones were probably fabricated from clay or stone, and evolved through brass and copper to silver of later years and the contemporary designs currently made in Israel. One can see many local styles by Jewish craftsmen from various lands and these stamps reveal some of them.

The 12 agorot stamp depicts an 18th-19th century Moroccan brass lamp which was designed for hanging on a wall rather than standing on a table as can be seen from the loop at the top of the lamp. The lamp includes the Jewish motif of a pair of birds in heraldic setting dating back to ancient times. The ornamentation shows the elaborate local Jewish artistic work prevalent in that country.

The next stamp in the set for 25 agorot shows an 18th century Polish brass lamp, constructed in the form of a building or facade of a synagogue. Its heraldic design includes symbols taken from the plant and animal world and other Jewish motifs that are often in synagogues. This lamp is designed to stand rather than hang on a wall.

The 70 agorot stamp illustrates a magnificent 17th century German silver standing lamp used in synagogues. These lamps were expertly engraved with Jewish motifs such as Biblical inscriptions, flowers, and animals.

As is the case with most Israeli stamps, these Chanukah commemoratives are colorful and have been beautifully designed. Each lamp stands out against a two shade backgrounds of greens for the first stamp, reds for the second one, and blue and purple for the high value. Once again, it is obvious that these stamps reveal the connection between ancient Israel, modern Israel, and the Jews spread throughout the world.



Toronto takes excellent care of its elderly, believes Baycrest Centre day care supervisor

By NANCY SCHWARTZ

TORONTO —

The new supervisor of day care at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care gives off very serene vibes. Mel Patashnick's life is filled with his family, sculpture, music and a job he truly loves.

Patashnick, a boyish 31, spoke to **The CJN** about the many facets of the position he assumed this July. "My work is so continually varied," he said. "Every 15 minutes of my day is scheduled, but I take as much as I give. The potential for learning is incredible."

The new day care program is designed for people who, for one reason or another, need help in coping. Not all day care members are old nor are they all sick. Many have debilitating physical ailments, but day care also helps those with impaired memory or judgment. And the program isn't always permanent. Some just need support to help them through a crisis.

Day care was started in the early 1960s as a temporary solution to the problem of insufficient housing for the aged.

The concept was meant to sustain people until they could get into a home, but in the process they found that not everyone who applied for a home needed one. Day care alone was the answer for many people.

Mel Patashnick is an American who studied history at Columbia University, three years at the Jewish Theological Seminary and went on for his Masters of Social Work at Hunter College of the City University of N.Y. For five years he worked at Bird S. Coler Hospital in New York with people of all ages suffering from chronic diseases.

He feels that Toronto takes excellent care of the physical and mental health of its aged, and is especially impressed at the number of volunteers who work at Baycrest and other agencies.

Patashnick is distressed that people come to Baycrest thinking their life is over.

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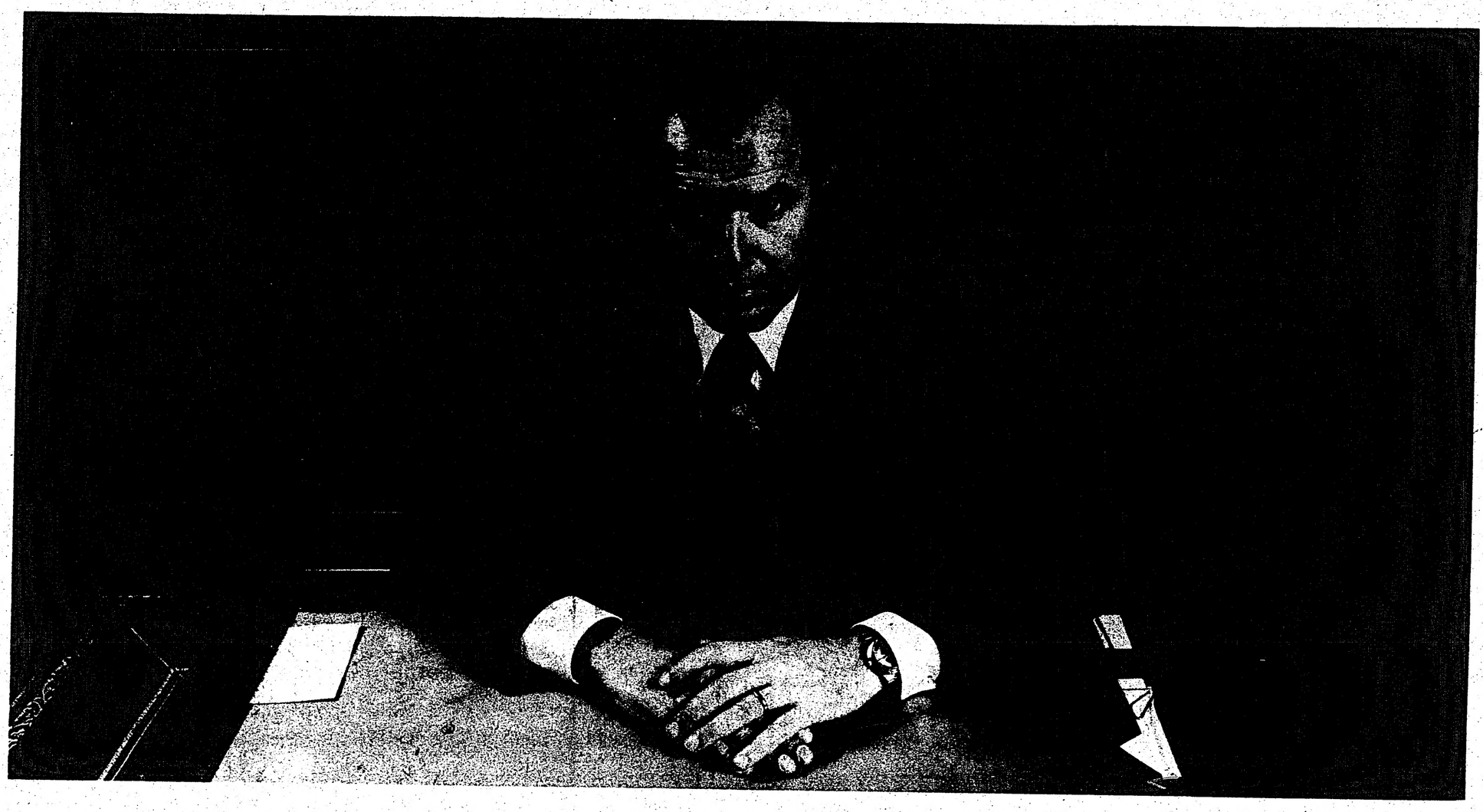

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Locally, our own Jewish community depends on us. Many of our young people cannot afford the tuition fees of the Jewish schools. They must be subsidized. There are those in our community who cannot survive on their meagre incomes. They must have financial supplements. Arab propaganda at our universities and elsewhere throughout Canada is on the upswing. We must educate every one to see through this propaganda.

The need exists and it is more acute than in past years.

The fact is, we need 25% more than what you gave last year. It is essential to our survival. And it is essential to the fulfilment of Wilfred Posluns' commitment.

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Visitors in Miami Beach can partake in wide variety of active and spectator sports

Exciting horse racing is one of the most popular attractions for visitors to Miami Beach. Dates are rotated between Hialeah, Gulfstream and Calder racetracks which, in addition to having outstanding racing, also feature lovely landscaping. City of Miami Beach offers a wide variety of fare to tourists. (Florida gov't.)

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Visitors as well as residents have a well-rounded all-year program of active and spectator sports in the Greater Miami Beach area.

The city's eastern shore is eight miles along the Atlantic. Two of these eight miles are reserved in public beach parks where swimming and sunning may be enjoyed practically every day in the year. Surf temperatures seldom fall as low as 68 degrees.

Beaches here are among the world's safest, shelving gently into the water. Lifeguards are stationed at intervals during normal daylight hours as a precaution against accident.

Waves usually are negligible, but the younger set hopefully tries out surfboards on windier days along a beach near the south city limits that is reserved for this sport.

Greyhound racing under the state-supervised pari-mutuel system operates throughout the year. Thoroughbred racing now is also almost a year-round attraction. Jai alai, the world's fastest and most thrilling game, with pari-mutuels, is played from early December to May.

From September through the Orange Bowl game on New Year's night (often matching the top two college elevens), football fans can watch the University of Miami in meetings with major teams from all sections of the country, the world pro champion Miami Dolphins of the American Conference of the National Football League and dozens of high school contests. The Super Bowl has been played here three times and will be back January, 1976.

Spring brings major league baseball exhibitions on the Grapefruit circuit with perennial pennant contender Baltimore Orioles training in Miami.

Basketball involves junior colleges in games at various courts and in the Miami Beach Auditorium.

The Miami area is host to two major pro golf tourneys: the Doral-Eastern and LPGA Opens.

Tennis includes the world's premier junior events: the Orange Bowl and the Sunshine Cup international team matches, held over the Christmas holidays on the clay courts of Flamingo Park.

The Southern Ocean Racing Conference schedules two events here for blue water sailing yachts — the Lipton Cup and the Miami-Nassau race. Numerous small boat sailing competitions also are held regularly in Biscayne Bay each winter.

Power speedsters have their innings in the Orange Bowl regatta, with races for all classes up to the unlimiteds. These are held over the Miami Stadium course, also the site of numerous other powerboat events. Other tests range from the Miami-Key West race to almost weekly races in Biscayne Bay.

Participant sports are all-inclusive from shuffleboard to skin diving. Excluded, of course, are mountain climbing, ice boating, skiing and bobsledding, although there is water skiing (which is highly popular) and, at a couple of Miami Beach hotels, ice skating.

Municipal recreational facilities in Miami Beach include tennis centres, handball courts, golf courses, shuffleboard, handball, archery, softball, basketball and volleyball. The City maintains oceanfront parks for sunning and swimming, two swimming pools and a fishing pier.

Boats and guides may be engaged for fishing and one may rent sailboats and powdered craft for cruising. Ski lessons and equipment can be arranged at various schools catering to skiers.

Various sports shops specializing in diving equipment can arrange for checkouts in the use of scuba gear and a number of boats cater especially to skin and scuba diving expeditions to nearby coral reefs. Marine gardens here are among the most picturesque to be found on the North American coasts including the only living corals on the coasts.

Jewish food gaining popularity, converts

NEW YORK —
According to one of America's most prominent hostesses, Jewish cuisine is gaining definite popularity at some of the most fashionable dinner parties — even those given by non-Jewish people.

That's the observation of Anne Kaplan, author of **Designs For Gracious Dining,** which she describes as a "guide to the complete art of entertaining guests at home — elegantly, yet inexpensively."

Mrs. Kaplan (who herself was reared in a kosher home) attributes this culinary cross-pollination to the increased mobility of people, and their desire to experiment with different tastes. She explains: "It's not unusual for me to dine at the home of Gentile friends and find brisket of beef and latkes, or rogelach for dessert. The economy notwithstanding, people are traveling more, and coming in contact with good Jewish food in areas like Los Angeles, Miami and New York's Catskill resort area."

Mrs. Kaplan says this assimilation process is also taking place among young Jewish people as well, particularly the under-25 just-marrieds, who are adding Jewish-style cooking to their staple diet as well as to their party menus. "I believe this trend is part of a larger movement among young people to re-discover their heritage and take pride in being a Jew." She adds: "And what more pleasurable way of learning about one's culture and displaying one's identity than through food?"

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Drift fishing simply is still fishing from a boat drifting with breeze or tide. While sailfish, king mackerel, and other pelagic species sometimes are taken on drift boats, the more usual bag are bottom feeders such as snapper and grouper. Rates are $8 for a half day. Night trips are especially popular in summer. The angler provides his own tackle and bait, or rents equipment on the boat.

Light tackle angling is done normally from 16 to 20-foot open craft with outboard power. Biscayne Bay, channels leading from it to the ocean, and close-to-shore waters on the outside are worked by the spin, plug, and fly-casters. Such fish as tarpon, permit, bonefish, snook, pompano, jack, and spotted sea trout are the rewards in this type of Miami Beach angling. Guides provide the boat and sometimes the tackle for two or three persons at $100 a day.

Visitors will find charter, drift, and outboard boats at various docks along the bayfront. Ordinarily it is more satisfactory to visit the docks personally to engage a charter and inform the guide of the type fishing you prefer. The uninitiated may well leave the trip in the hands of the guide, who knows the waters, is informed as to what is "running" and will be helpful with advice concerning striking and fighting the quarry.

Fishing in Miami Beach is somewhat different with the seasons. White marlin are more plentiful in winter, blues in summer. Sails are present throughout the year. Spring and summer are the best times for dolphin and wahoo, winter for mackerel. Cobia and snook are mostly summer fish, as are permit. Bonefish run larger in winter, but more are on the flats in summer. April, May, and June are the prime tarpon months. But there is action all the year.

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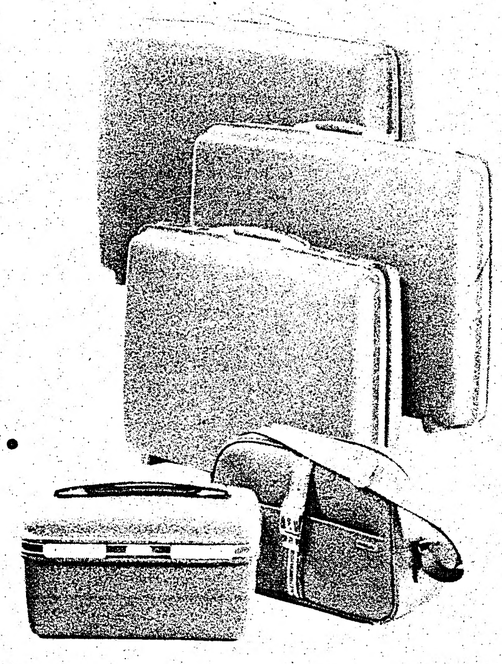

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UIA Ontario campaign in high gear

The enthusiasm and dedication for Israel shown at the 1975 United Israel Appeal seminar was echoed in the first of the fall campaigns held throughout October.

The first campaign of the season was held in the Sarnia Jewish community on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at the Ahavas Achim Synagogue. A record crowd turned out to hear Sol D. Granek, director general of the United Israel Appeal of Canada in Jerusalem. After Granek's informative talk, an award was presented to the chairman, Morry Pearlman, for his hard and devoted work during the 1974 campaign.

The following day, armed with information supplied them by the Sarnia treasurer, Abe Lampel, Granek, and Ben Ocopnick executive director of the UIA Ontario Region, went on a personal canvass of those people unable to attend the evening meeting.

For the next two weeks, the UIA Toronto office was in high gear planning and implementing a most successful regional seminar, which was held on Oct. 18 and 19. Immediately after this Ocopnick, and Abe Tooch, special emissary from Israel, headed north for a week of intensive fund-raising in this area.

The first stop was in Sault Ste. Marie, for their 1975 campaign evening, which was held at the Beth Jacob Synagogue. A record turnout attended to hear Abe Tooch give them an up-to-date report on the situation in the Middle East, and the interest and concern for Israel shown by this fine community was reflected in the generous gifts made at the time. A special award, sent by the Keren Hayesod office in Jerusalem, was presented to the chairman, Frank Richardson for his dedication in running such a successful campaign in 1974.

The next evening, Ocopnick and Tooch were in Timmins for the combined Timmins/Cochrane UIA Campaign. The meeting was held at the home of Michael and Tanya Feldman in South Porcupine. This year Mrs. Feldman has taken over the reins of the chairmanship from Mrs. Ruth Korman, who has filled this position most ably for a number of years. At the meeting Mrs. Korman was presented with a special Keren Hayesod award for her chairmanship of past campaigns. Again, great interest was shown in Tooch's address, and the pledges made maintained the consistent high level of giving this community has always been know for.

Oct. 28 found the UIA team in Kirkland Lake, where the perennial chairman, Nate Kaplan, and his wife, Blanche, hosted the campaign evening in the congenial surroundings of their own home. Tooch's address again brought forward generous results, and at the end of the meeting, Kaplan was presented with his award from Israel.

To round off their northern tour, they crossed into Quebec, where the Noranda/Rouyn campaign evening was held on Oct. 29 at the home of Judge and Mrs. Max Garmaise. Judge Garmaise has been the chairman for this small community for very many years, and what the community lacks in size it makes up for in Jewish community spirit, and outstanding leadership from it's devoted chairman. Judge Garmaise was also presented with his 1974 award for his chairmanship of the 1974 campaign.

During the days that Ocopnick and Tooch spent in the northern region, they visited many small communities, and canvassed a number of Jews on a personal basis.

Once again Ocopnick said he was made aware of the deep Jewish feeling that exists in communities, regardless of size and locale, and the importance of personal visits on a regular basis to bring up-to-date information about Israel.

Diversity of views voiced at meeting

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thrown out by several speakers, were purely their own idea.

"Please do not throw loosely around millions of dollars," he said. "We did not. We had said quite clearly that we do not expect these recommendations to be implemented in one year, and even if they were, that figure would be unreliable."

The cost was of intense concern to Phil Granovsky, past president of the Welfare Fund and presently Canadian head of the United Israel Appeal. Due in Israel the day after the meeting, Granovsky expressed both his fear that "the only place the money can come from is Israel," and his judgment that "the only way we can overcome that is by raising not $19 or $20 million but $25 million. This community has the wherewithal; it has the ability."

Midanik, who had come prepared with a resolution establishing an implementation committee, was philosophical about the lack of decisions at the meeting. "I'm not dissatisfied at the way it went," he told The CJN, stressing that his main objective had been to make the report public and open it up for discussion.

The motion was to be presented to the executive committee of the Welfare Fund immediately.

Negev dinner

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Rabbi Plaut began his speech by thanking those who organized and those who attended the dinner, his family, the citizens of Toronto ("the finest, most liveable metropolis on the face of the earth"), members of Holy Blossom Temple, Canada, the U.S. ("for saving me from a fate so many millions of my brothers and sisters were subjected to") and the Jewish community of Toronto ("this is a great Jewish community, divided and contentious at times, but also devoted, intensely concerned and full of marvellous surprises as well as splendid potential.")

Another featured speaker at the dinner was Mordechai Shalev, Israel ambassador to Canada, making his first Toronto appearance. He was greeted with a standing ovation. In a short speech, he expressed confidence Canada will be absolutely consistent in total opposition to any anti-Zionist resolution in whatever form it may be re-introduced at the UN or any world body.

Attorney-General Roy McMurtry presented a scroll from Ontario Premier William Davis, saying the rabbi had distinguished himself as a "teacher, scholar, writer, preacher and man of profound understanding of people everywhere."

Ray D. Wolfe, president of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, made the presentation of the Negev Dinner scroll to Rabbi Plaut. He said Canada is fortunate to have such a courageous leader. "His words convey a courage, a philosophy and essential humanity of a man who says what needs to be said when it needs to be said and to whom it must be said, with conviction, dignity and strength," declared Wolfe.

The rabbi's wife, Elizabeth, was presented with a clay jar from the Bronze period by Israel Consul-General Shmuel Ovnat. His son, Rabbi Jonathan Plaut, handled the invocation.

Dinner chairman Phil Granovsky, last year's honoree, proudly pointed out Toronto now boasts top man of the following national organizations — Zionist Federation, Congress, United Israel Appeal, Bonds and the JNF. He read a number of congratulatory telegrams to the rabbi — among them ones from Aba Gefen, former Israel consul here, and politicians Claude Wagner and John Roberts.

Granovsky cited for meritorious service awards Nathan Hurwich ("the sparkplug of the Negev Dinner machine who covered in excess 330 cards that accounted for 17% of total canvass income"), Sydney Bearg and Jacob Adler. Granovsky, in turn, was presented with an award by Toronto JNF Chairman David Dennis.

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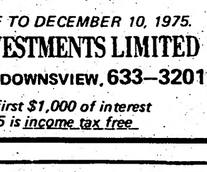

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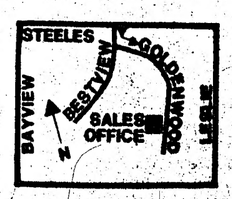

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Arts

An exhibit of Ruth Zarfati of Jerusalem in honor of International Woman's Year is taking place at Galerie Heritage. It will end this Saturday, December 6.

Galerie Heritage exhibition

Women artists featured

art

By JULIANNA BORSA

The small, intimate Galerie Heritage provides an appropriate setting for the theme of its current exhibition, "A Love Story." As a tribute to International Women's Year, the show focuses on women artists, represented by Olga Jancic from Belgrade, Ruth Zarfati from Jerusalem, and Gena Tenenbaum of Toronto.

The work of Chaim Gross, however, presented for the first time in Canada, serves as a prelude to the women's show in its close exploration of the relationships between mother and children. His **Family** group is an interestingly balanced composition. The angular, elongated forms reach out and define a space about them.

In sharp contrast, Olga Jancic's works exist in a space confined within them. Her compact, embryonic forms, often fitting into the palm of a hand, are expressions of **Creation, Embryo, Organic Fruit** and **Growing,** as she calls them. She attempts to capture that moment in time when the essence is in its most concentrated form, and suggests the possibility of growth and unfolding.

Israeli-born sculptress Ruth Zarfati expands the theme of growth and development by creating what she calls "the essence of a child's joy, anger or wonder." Working mainly on clever distortions, she captures children's moods and feelings in infinite variations.

Toronto's Gena Tenenbaum's figures are experiments in a variety of forms and mediums. It is easy to respond to the fluidity of her forms which expand in space. Her **Cloud** successfully achieves the quality of lightness in stone, and beautifully contrasts the finished surfaces by rough textures. Her shapes are not sharply defined, but strongly tactile. In **Expectation,** a work in lava stone, the lines of the stone itself are used to create a series of surface patterns.

The Galerie Heritage show is one of interactions, not only in subject matter, between the artists and their material, but also between the sculptures and the viewer. The most striking example is the bronze **Menorah,** by Chaim Gross, which in its roosting birds on the branches, symbolizing the fusion of nature and religion, strikes a responsive chord. Generally, the individual artists have been cleverly served in this thematic presentation.

Avi Toledano will sing here

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Avi Toledano, one of Israel's most popular singers, will appear at Toronto's Adath Israel Synagogue on Dec. 15 as the star performer at the Israel 5736 Festival, which should provide an excellent indication as to what is happening in Israel's contemporary music scene today. He will also be appearing on Toronto's two Jewish TV programs: **Shalom** and **Mosaic.** Already, he has made several appearances on French-language radio and TV stations throughout Quebec (born in Morocco, he is totally fluent in French).

When asked about the current condition of Israel's contemporary music scene, Avi replied that while it remains a wide open scene to new talent, with the army being the prime arena for new performers to get their initial start, the small market caused by the small population sooner or later forces singers to have to make it elsewhere in order to really financially succeed. For Avi Toledano, the prime foreign market has been France, where he has recorded several hit records in French, performed often at Paris' prestigious Olympia Theatre and received personal congratulatory encouragement from the late Maurice Chevalier. He also recorded a hit record in Spain. So far, he has yet to crack the rich North American market. But thanks to his current tour, which is being sponsored by the Israel tourism ministry, and which will cover most major cities, in the United States and Canada, (including six nights at New York's Madison Square Garden), he very well might soon become a household word here as well as in the not too distant future.

Avi's soft-rock style, an eclectic blend of Israeli, French romantic and American pop influences, encompasses many different moods: one of his most distinctive numbers is an original song reflecting the post Yom Kippur War atmosphere in Israel (a desire for a complete break with the past). This current tour, in which he is starring, is a substantial initial move towards a goal which I have long advocated: A comprehensive foreign export network for Israeli performers throughout the Diaspora.

ROLLING STONE BEAT: One of the most vicious anti-Israel, anti-Semitic, pro-PLO diatribes which I have read in a long time appeared in a recent issue of America's largest circulation youth pop culture magazine, **Rolling Stone.** Entitled "The Promised Land" by one Thomas Powers, this article of lies and half-truths, besides quoting the usual Arab propaganda line, labels the one quoted Israeli who speaks for the majority viewpoint as a "racist lunatic" and then quotes a probably fictional New York Jewish shopkeeper as saying "The Jews were not meant to have a homeland of their own."

The effect that such tripe can have towards transforming millions of young North Americans into anti-Semites is considerable.

Avi Toledano

Potok again 'skilful'

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

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The novels of Chaim Potok are extremely popular and have done much to open the understanding of the general reader to Jewish religious feeling and observance. The underlying motif of all of his books is that Judaism, properly understood, is not in conflict with the ideals of secular humanism.

In **The Chosen** a brilliant young scholar dares to challenge his teacher's translation of a page in the Talmud. He defends his position, not by citing authorities, but by argument from humanistic principles. His teacher warns him never again to use that kind of criticism before members of the class. It is his contention that while the student in question may have the maturity to enjoy such freedom of mind without losing his balance, the others might go astray and make fatal mistakes.

The Promise maintains that a psychiatrist who searches for knowledge and makes use of all the resources of western culture may at the same time have a deep attachment to his ancestral religion. When a troubled boy becomes his patient, the psychiatrist successfully applies what he has learned from the ways of his father. The book seems to say that religious wisdom can be put to work in the service of modern science.

Conflicting loyalties are also at the core of **My Name is Asher Lev.** A young man of Chassidic parentage is zealously devoted to art, a passion his father is unable to take seriously. Gradually the tensions in Asher's life increase as the demands of his artistic bent conflict with the traditions of his faith.

These books defend and justify the human striving for freedom. But they illustrate at the same time the obstacles that are raised against such freedom by cultural institutions. They depict strong individuals who are equal to the struggle that is involved in resolving conflicting emotions.

In The Beginning is a symbolic retelling of a portion of the Book of Genesis — from the Creation to the Flood. The central figure is a young Orthodox student growing up in the Bronx, a generation or more ago. As he develops in learning and maturity he finds it impossible to accept the traditional view that the Bible is the revealed word of God. He is in rebellion against the philosophy of his teachers.

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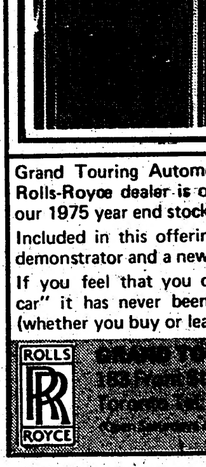
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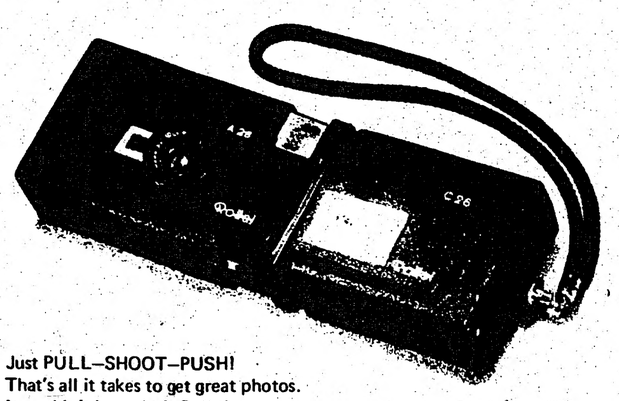
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